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M.L. CALEDONIA	7558	E. H. Gordon	28th "
* BENGAL	4656	S. Barcham	4th Aug.
M.L. SOBRAON	7382	L. M. Wibmer	11th "
* ORIENTAL	5284	J. F. Jephson	18th "
M.L. VALETTA	5523	F. N. Tillard	25th "
* BENGAL	4676	S. Barcham	1st Sept.
M.L. EGYPT	7912	C. F. Preston	8th "
* ORIENTAL	5284	J. F. Jephson	15th "
M.L. ARABIA	7903	J. L. Parfitt	22nd "
* PENISULAR	6257	W. A. Wheler	29th "

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Bombay, 29th June, 1900.

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Steamers.	Captains.	Tons.	To sail on or about
GISELA	F. Mosca	4,253	20th July, 1900.
* TRIESTE	A. Mitis	5,095	in Aug., 1900.
* FRANZ FERDINAND	G. Costanzo	6,043	in Sept., 1900.

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TO MARSEILLES.

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ANNAM	9,357	Poydenot	30th Aug., 1900.

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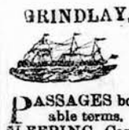

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3 Song .....All over the Shop .....V Charnley
4 Song .....The Windmill .....W W Phillips,
5 Violin Solo.Simple Avue.....F Saisey
6 Song .....The hole in the Shutter.....G Monse
7 Song .....Bid me to Love.....T Holding
8 Flute Solo.Selected .....A E Lacoohee,
9 Song .....The Song of the Scythe.....I Cossins,
10. Song with Chorus Sons of England .....Captain Gordon.

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2 Song .....There is a tavern in the Town.....G Bowd,
3 Song .....Terry.....M Henderson,
4 Song .....When the old man came home sober.....W Moth,
5 Exhibition.Club Swinging.....A E Lacoohee
6 Song .....Bachelor Love Song .....T Holding,
7 Song .....One of the Boys.....V Charnley,
8 Song .....The King's Champion.....W. W. Phillips,
9 Instrumental Trio.... Selected.....The Ship's Band,
10 Song with Chorus.....Who carries the Gun.....Captain Gordon.

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E. SCARPA, Agent.

Bombay, 19th July, 1900.

THE UNION SPINNING AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the shareholders of the above Company, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 121, Medows Street, Fort, (next to Messrs. Ralli Brothers) on SATURDAY, the 28th day of July, 1900, at 2 P.M., for the purpose of transacting the following business :—

I.—To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and Audited Balance-sheet and Abstract of Profit and Loss Account for the year ending 31st December, 1899.

II.—To elect Directors in place of those who retire by rotation, but who are eligible for re-election.

III.—To appoint Auditors for the current year, and to fix their remuneration.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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Bombay, 11th July, 1900.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, Empress of India.

Petition for Letters of Administration of the property and credits of JIVRAJ PREMJEE, late of Tera, near Mandvi in Kutch, Hindu Inhabitant, deceased.

PRAGJEE PREMJEE, brother of the said deceased, residing at Vadni Gadi out side the Fort in Bombay .....Petitioner.

ALL PERSONS claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed Deceased are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings, if they think fit, before the Grant of Letters of Administration.

Witness SIR LAWRENCE H. JENKINS, Knight, Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid, the 16th day of July, in the year of our Lord, One thousand and nine hundred, and in the Sixty-third year of our Reign.

L. N. BANAJI, Registrar.

The Seal of the High Court at Bombay.

D. B. BINNING,
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BONA FIDE

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SALE OF VALUABLE DIAMON AND EMERALD JEWELLERY.

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Property on view.

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TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 5h. 33m. Sun sets. 6h. 39m. High water, 5-42m., 5-31a. Low water, 11-30m.

MUSIC.—The Band of the 21st Bombay Infantry Marine Battalion will not play at the Esplanade Bandstand, this evening.

POSTAL NOTICES.—Mails for Seychelles, per s.s. Dumra, will be closed at the General Post Office, at 7 p.m., to-day.—Mails for China and Japan, per transport Nankin, will be closed at the General Post Office, at 10 a.m., to-morrow.

AN UNTRUSTWORTHY SERVANT.—Hosan Mahomed, who keeps an oilmanstore shop at the Arthur Crawford Markets, has reported to the police that, on the 17th instant, he sent his servant, Curreem Shaik Hoosein, to collect a bill of Rs. 32 from Mrs. Moir, of Murzban Road, and after receiving the money, absconded. The servant is being sought for.

THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, BANDRA.—The parish feast of the Church will be celebrated on Sunday. On Saturday there will be solemn vespers at 7 p.m., on Sunday low mass at 6 a.m., solemn high mass preceded by the Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament with sermon in Maharati, procession (weather permitting) and benediction at 9 a.m. St. Paul's (the parish) Band will play and sing, under the direction of Mr. Joseph Amara. Mass by Henry Farmer, arranged by Rev. John De Mello.

SUPPOSED SUICIDE OF A MARATHA.—A coroner's inquest was held yesterday, at the J. J. Hospital, regarding the death of a Hindu. On Wednesday, the deceased was found by the police, lying unconscious, on Vincent Road, with a bundle containing wearing apparel and sweet-meat near him. The deceased appeared to be a Maratha of the labouring class, of about thirty-five years of age. He was conveyed to the J. J. Hospital, where he was found to be suffering from opium-poisoning. He died yesterday morning. The jury returned a verdict of suicide.

DEATH FROM HYDROPHOBIA.—An inquiry was held yesterday, at the J. J. Hospital, by Mr. Turner, the coroner, regarding the death of Itoba Subhana, a Hindu, aged about thirty years. The deceased was a labourer and resided with his wife at Umarcarry. On Wednesday afternoon, a piece of timber, about twenty feet long, was removed from a cart and placed on two wooden bars to be sawn. The deceased and another labourer went under the beam and were pushing it up with their feet, when the beam suddenly slipped from one end of the bar and fell on the deceased. A number of labourers immediately helped in raising the beam up and on the man being extricated, he was found to be unconscious, bleeding from his head and mouth. He was carried to his house where he died shortly after. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death in accordance with the above facts.

SAVING THE LICENSE-FEE.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. J. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Goolab Vallabh, a coachman in the service of Maneckji Edulji, was charged with plying a public conveyance for hire without having obtained an attendant's license and badge from the Commissioner of Police. Mr. Hugh Sealy, pleader, defended the accused. The evidence showed that, in consequence of certain information received by the police, a watch was kept over the accused, who was caught while he was driving two persons for hire to the High Court, on Wednesday afternoon. The accused was fined Rs. 10. Maneckji Edulji was then charged with keeping or letting for hire public conveyances not bearing the proper number or inscription printed or branded on them. The accused stated that he kept two victorias and two horses, one for his own use and the other he let on hire. He used to receive orders from rajas, captains and other people, and let it for a day or half a day. The magistrate convicted him and fined him Rs. 50.

THE LATE DR. H. K. TAVARIA.—In reply to a communication from Captain Boileau, District Plague Officer F and G Wards Mr. J. H. Du Boulay, Assistant Commissioner, Plague Department, bore testimony in the following terms to the late Dr. H. K. Tavaria's character:—"I deeply regret to hear of the untimely death of Dr. H. K. Tavaria. I had the highest opinion of his abilities and character; and I feel that it will be very difficult to replace him. I trust the District Officer will convey to his family my sympathy with them in their bereavement," Captain Boileau, in communicating the above to the family of the deceased gentleman wrote:—"It is with the greatest sorrow that I write these few lines to condole with you in your loss. In Dr. Tavaria's death, this ward has lost its best S. M. officer, a man who was in the midst of temptation utterly beyond suspicion, straightforward and honest as the day; and I shall not find another like him. I placed implicit confidence in him, and never regretted it. His sudden death came as a dreadful blow to me, and I cannot tell you how sorry I am for you in your bereavement."

THIEVISH MILL RAMOSEES—Before Mr. J. W. S. Dracup, at the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Owasir Bhanath, Bhugwandeen Bunda and Bundraban Doorga, all ramosees, employed at the Jewraj Balco Mill, were prosecuted, No. 1 on a charge of stealing a piece of cloth, of the value of Rs. 10, the property of the mill, and Nos. 2 and 3 of receiving and retaining stolen property. On Tuesday afternoon the second accused was carrying a bundle of cloth in his hand, when he was arrested by the police. On being questioned he replied that the bundle was given to him by the first accused to be carried to the room of the third accused. The police thereupon arrested the first accused and searched his room but could find nothing therein. The room belonging to the third accused was searched and some pieces of cloth were recovered, which were identified as the property of the mill. This accused was proved to be an old offender, having come out of the jail a few days ago, after serving out twelve months' rigorous imprisonment. The magistrate convicted the second and third accused and sentenced the former to six months' and the latter to fifteen months' imprisonment with hard labour. The first accused was discharged as there was no evidence against him, except the bare statement of No. 2.

DAMAUN NEWS.—On Tuesday, there were 6 deaths at Lower Damaun, being 4 from starvation and 2 from cholera, the latter victims being a Doobla and a Mahomedan at Khariwadi. The Health Officer is not yet well enough to attend to his duties which are now performed by Dr. Lima.—Since the removal of the municipal lights from Lower Damaun on the 1st inst., a series of thefts and house-breakings has taken place to the great alarm of the citizens. Four houses in one range in Kathiria, belonging to Sootars, which remained locked and contained valuable clothes, furniture, pots and utensils have been denuded of all their contents. All the utensils lying in the rear compound of six different houses in one row in Vadi Falia were removed by thieves in one night, obtaining entrance to the compounds by climbing up a tree. The shop of Mr. Jamnadass Fakirbhoy, adjoining the Municipal market, was broken into and cloth, of the value of Rs. 250, was removed. The darkness of the nights, the inadequate police staff, and the peculiarities of the Portuguese Criminal Law, which requires stringent proofs to justify the arrest of any person, however highly suspected or of however questionable character he may be, make the detection of crime, notwithstanding the exertions of the Police Commissioner, a very difficult task.—The District Judge Mr. Moniz, assisted by the Crown Advocate, Interpreter Krishnarao Patia and Drs. Souza and Lima held an inquest on Tuesday on the body of a Mangela girl, found in the tank at Devka.

ST. ISABEL'S (LADIES') CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION, KALBADAVIE CIRCLE.—Mrs. David Thompson, Honorary Secretary, begs to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following donations towards this Circle from 1st July 1899 to 30th June 1900: (Endowment and General Fund) H H the Maharani of Hathwa, Rs 100; The Tikari Raj, Rs 50; The Rajah of Kallikota and Attagada, Rs 25; H E the Right Hon'ble Lord Sandhurst, G C I E, (Governor of Bombay) H E Lady Northcote, C I, H H Maharaja, Sri Ram Chandra Bhunj Deo, H H Raja Martanda Bhairava Tondiman Bahadur (1899) and H H Raja Martanda Bhairava Tondiman Bahadur (1900), each Rs. 20; The Standard Oil Co. of New York, Rs. 15; H H Maharaja of Etangapuram, Samastanam, H H Maharaja Manindra Chandra Nandy, Sir George Cotton, Kt, Bai Motleebai Jehangeer Wadia, Raja Shyam Singh, A F W Mr. E A Goll, Mr. D S Lardner and A W J., each Rs. 10; L J Rs. 6; O M, Messrs Marck and Co., Lt. Mr. Jamsetjee Ardaseer Wadia, L W H, Mr. J Dias, the Hon'ble Mr. Bomanjee Dinshaw Petit, Mr Bezonjee N Kapadia, Mr. Burjorjee Manockjee Patel, Mahraja Ram Narain Singh, Mr. Bhawaniprasad B Kawashar, Mr L M Wadia, Bar-at-law, T M T H J R, Mr Jehangir Bomanjee Petit, Mr Sassoon J David, O G O, F C A, Mr A M S Jackson, I O S., R O., the Hon'ble Mr Justice Budruddin Trabji, Bar-at-Law, Mr S E Greaves, Messrs Cowasjee Dinshaw and Brothers, J A L, O M C, H G, Mr. Premchund Roychand, Mr N I Gazder, Mr H R Dunk, Mr Adamjee Peerbhoy, R W H, B N and Co. J H D'B, E C B A, F R, Mr D Cursetjee Patel, Major J Lloyd Jones I M S, Major C P Triscott. Mr A S Framjee, A I P, Messrs Talate and Co, Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy, Bart., Mr M H Muckba, Messrs N Spencer and Co Major A Alidebrand, Mr K S Framjee, H E B, Messrs Tullockchand and Shapoorjee, Mr Jamsetjee Ardaseer Wadia, Mr W Murray C N E P Brigadier General F Ventris, Mr P M Dalal, Captain John Hand, the Hon'ble Mr Bomanjee Dinshaw Patel, Mr Jas. Murdock, E S, N N W, Mr P B Jeejeebhoy and Framjee Muncherjee Cama Charity, each Rs 5, and many others under Rs 5, Xmas List), I C S, and X Y Z, Rs 25; Khan Bahadur Burjorjee D Patel, Rs 20; her Highness Shree Maharani Gujputeerao, Rs 15; the Hon'ble Mr A F Woodburn, I C S, Rs 10; Mr Burjorjee Manockjee Patel, Khan Bahadur Eduljee Sorabjee Chinoy, Surg Lieut-Col A S G Jaiyakar, I M S, Khan Bahadur Rustomjee Muncherji Dholu C I E, Mr P F Fischer, the Honble Mr C T Burke, C N E P, Mr R H Macaulay, B A, Bai Motleebai Jehangir Wadia, Mr W Murray, Mr J Sliven, A H F, J A L F A O, Mr R G Currie, C B L, E C B A, Mr H E E Procter, Mr P Glyn Messent Captain S Goodridge, Mr E Comber, Mr E Scarpa, Mr H R Dunk, Major A Hildebrand, J B, Mr F D Stranack, O G O, C M C, Mr F J Parrott, Mr F Masotti, Major J Crimmin, I M S, V O A, A W K, F E P, G O, Messrs S J Tellery, G O A C, Messrs Whitaway Laidlaw and Co, Mr. T W Cuffe, B N and Co, H C W Mr Jamsetjee Ardaseer Wadia, Mr John Fachiri, Mr C Marquis, Major C P Triscott, Mr G Dumayne Mr Adamjee Peerbhoy, Messrs Marcks & Co, Ld., another, Mr. Currimbhoy Ebrahim A B Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy, Bart, Mr Henry, Gray, Mr W H Ogston, Mr W J M Peebles, T, M O T Barrow I C S, Mr A M T Jackson, I C S, R W H, Framjee Muncherjee Cama Charity, L J, F S F, Sir Gorge Cotton, Kt, and Messrs Cowasjee Dinshaw and Bros. each Rs. 5, and many others under Rs. 5 Further donations will be thankfully received and acknowledged.—Bombay, 20th July 1900.

DISPUTE REGARDING REFUND OF TOWN DUTY.

MR. C. W. CHITTY, Chief Judge, Bombay Small Causes Court, has been engaged in hearing a suit in which plaintiff Joshee Dawji Moolji, a dealer in grain, sugar and grocery, has sought to recover from the Municipal Commissioner of Bombay, a sum of Rs. 1,096-2 together with Rs. 24-14 as interest due from the defendant, as money received by the defendant for the use of the plaintiff. Mr. Dinshaw Davar, barrister-at-law, appeared for the plaintiff, while Mr. R. S. Brown, of Messrs. Crawford, Brown and Co., solicitors, represented the Municipal Commissioner.

The plaintiff in his plaint stated that he was a merchant, carrying on business in Bombay. In the year 1899, he purchased or imported into Bombay, divers goods and paid the town duty payable in respect thereof. He exported the goods from Bombay within six months from the date of their respective importation, and was entitled under Section 195 of the Bombay Municipal Act 1888 to a refund of the town duties amounting to the sum of Rs. 1,096-12. The plaintiff further stated that he had complied with the rules applicable to the refunds of such duties, but the defendant had refused to refund the sums on the ground that the marks on the tindal's certificates at the foot of the various export notes of the goods and purporting to be the marks of the tindals, were not their marks, but had been made by some other persons. The plaintiff said that the marks had been made by the tindals themselves, and even, supposing they were made by other persons under the direction of the tindals, yet the rules would have been complied with. The plaintiff by a letter of his solicitors, dated the 5th February last, had demanded payment of the money from the defendant, but the latter had refused to pay. The plaintiff would, if necessary, seek to recover that sum from the defendant, as money received by the defendant for the plaintiff's use. The plaintiff under the circumstances prayed judgement for the amount together with the interest at nine per cent. per annum from the 29th January last and the costs of the suit; and such further relief as the nature of the case might require.

Mr. Brown, on behalf of the defendant, raised the following issues: (1) Whether the plaintiff paid the town duties as mentioned in the first paragraph of the plaint, (2) Whether the plaintiff exported the goods as in the first paragraph alleged. (3) Whether the plaintiff was entitled to a refund and if so to what amount. (4) Whether the plaintiff had complied with the rules applicable to such refund. (5) Whether the marks on the export notes, produced by the plaintiff, were made by the tindals of the vessels on board, on which the goods were received as required by the rules. (6) Whether if such marks were made by other persons by the directions of the tindals, the rules would have been complied with. (7) Whether the defendant had received any money for the use of the plaintiff. (8) Whether the defendant could be sued for any default of the accountant in paying. (9) Whether the defendant could legally pay unless the examiner had made out returns "H" as required by the rules. (10) Whether the plaintiff had complied with rule "D" by producing the export note, form C., duly filled up as required by the rules. (11) Whether a mark purporting to be a tindal's mark on an English document was a certificate that the goods had been received on board as required by rule C. (12) Whether the plaintiff was not bound before action was brought to furnish evidence of the due signature and execution of the certificate on the export note. (13) Whether the plaintiff was not bound before the action was brought, to have furnished to the defendant the names and addresses of the writers of the marks as required by the defendant. (14) Lastly whether requisite notice had been given.

The evidence in the case having been recorded, his Honour reserved his judgment.

ALLEGED DEFAMATION OF THE PERSIAN VICE-CONSUL.

THE case in which Mr. Cowasji Dadabhoy Banaji, Vice-Consul for Persia in Bombay, charges Jallaludin Hosseni, proprietor and publisher of "Habiul Matin," a Persian weekly newspaper, printed at Calcutta, with defamation, was called on for further hearing before Mr. J. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, yesterday afternoon. Mr. F. Sorabji Talyarkhan, barrister-at-law, instructed by Messrs. Smetham, Bland and Noble, solicitors, prosecuted; while Mr. W. R. Hamilton, barrister-at-law, instructed by Mr. Mirza Hussen Khan, solicitor, appeared for the defendant. Mr. Hamilton renewed his application for the issue of a commission to Calcutta for the examination of Mr. Mehta and seven other witnesses. Counsel urged that it would be inconvenient and expensive to bring down these witnesses to Bombay, and that it would also cause delay. Mr. Talyarkhan opposed the application. He submitted that the witnesses whom the defence wanted to examine were not public servants, but private individuals, who could afford to come down to Bombay. Inconvenience to witnesses was no ground for issuing a commission. The magistrate, in disposing of the application, remarked that the further development of the case had only confirmed the opinion, which he had formed on the previous occasion, when a similar application was made. He believed that it was absolutely necessary for the satisfactory disposal of the case that he should have the witnesses before him personally. He regretted that this should appear to lay a heavy burden of expense on the accused, as he should also regret to lay a heavy burden upon the complainant. But he saw no other course open to him than to require the attendance of all the accused's witnesses before himself, if he were to come to a satisfactory conclusion in the case. He must, therefore, refuse Mr. Hamilton's application.

Mr. Hamilton intimated to the court that his client intended to appeal against this decision to the High Court.

The case was then adjourned.

THIRD CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

AT the Bombay Criminal Sessions yesterday, Shrierishna Raghoba, Rustomjee Pestonjee, and Narayan Bhewa were placed at the bar before the Hon. Mr. Justice Tyebjee. The first had been committed by Mr. Webb for voluntarily causing grievous hurt to Tulja, woman, by biting off her nose; the second, also committed by Mr. Webb, for cheating; and the third, committed by Mr. Dracup for voluntarily causing grievous hurt. Mr. Justice Tyebjee told the prisoners that the common jury had been discharged for the present Sessions; and their cases had therefore to be traversed to the next Sessions. The cases were traversed accordingly; and the third Criminal Sessions were formally dissolved.

CHOLERA has made its appearance in the Rangoon Cantonments. Two natives who had arrived by the steamer Bulimba and who took up their abode in East Bazaar Road, Sudder Bazaar Cantonments, were attacked on Tuesday night, and one of them died yesterday morning at nine o'clock. The other man was removed to the contagious diseases hospital in a state of collapse. The effects of the deceased and other things in the house were burnt, and the whole place was fumigated.

A Day at "Appy Ampstead" is thoroughly enjoyed by the East End poor, as is amply proved by the immense crowds who flock there every Bank Holiday. The pure air and bracing atmosphere to be found on the breezy heights of Highgate and its neighbourhood cannot fail to benefit those who can only spend a few hours in their midst. Holidays, however, cannot be fully enjoyed by those persons who are suffering from disease. Holloway's Pills and Ointment can speedily remove this drawback to pleasure if a fair trial is only afforded them. As a cure for rheumatism, gout, fevers, diarrhœa, diseases of the skin, scrofula, ulcers, sores, burns, or old wounds, they are beyond competition.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m., yesterday, give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern Fort Southern and Esplanade	1	0	13
B Mandvi, Chuckla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	1	3	39
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Khumbharwada	5	0	34
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpati, Walkeshwar and Mahalakshmi	0	0	21
E Mazagon, Tarwadi, 2nd Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	1	2	47
F Parel, Sewri and Sion	0	1	8
G Mahim and Worli	0	1	20
Water Division	0	0	1
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	6	23
Total	8	13	206
Total plague deaths to date	78,812	64,584	
Same date last year	15	16	95
Cholera	69	42	
Small-pox	1	1	

PLAGUE PREVENTIVE OPERATIONS.

The following summary of Plague Operations in the Bombay Presidency for the week ending 6th July is published in the "Government Gazette":—

The total number of cases and deaths in the Presidency, including Native States, fell to 117—75, being a decrease of 20—2 on the figures of the previous week.

Plague increased in Belgaum Town and Cantonment: the former reported 2 cases (one fatal) and the latter 9 cases (3 fatal); while a slight decrease took place in the Karthiawar Agency and in the Thana District. The Kolhapur State was again free, reporting one death only. The Cutch State reported 3 cases (one fatal). In the Kanara District, which has been free since the week ending 25th May 1900, Haliyal again reported 7 cases (2 fatal). Karachi and Aden reported no cases.

Abnormal total mortalities were reported from the following uninfected places in districts from which reports are received:

	Total mortality.	Average mortality.
Ahmedabad	459	67
Alibag	a9	2
Bassein	a20	3
Bhiwndi	a36	5·1
Chiplun	a62	4
Kalyan	a19	12
Karachi	76	59
Khed	a12	2
Kurla	a17	6
Mahim	18	3
Malvan	a28	7
Mundra	23	6
Murud	a17	1·3
Nipani	33	20
Panvel	a11	2·2
Poona	b139	75·8
Ratnagiri	a31	5
Veraguna	a9	3

a Excess due to cholera.
b Includes 21 deaths from cholera and 6 from small-pox.

The total mortality of the following infected place was also higher than the average after deducting the plague deaths:—

	Total mortality.	Average mortality.	Plague deaths.
Veraval	88	9·5	3

The following Districts and Native States were free from plague during the week:—Districts—Ahmedabad, Ahmednagar, Bijapur, Broach, Dharwar, Kaira, Khandesh, Kolaba, Nasik, Panch Mahals, Poona, Ratnagiri, Satara, Sholapur, Surat, Hyderabad, Karachi, Shikarpur, Thar and Parkar, and Upper Sind Frontier. Native States.—Akalkot, Aundh, Bhor, Dharampur, Janjira, Mahi Kantha, Palanpur, Riwa Kantha, Sachin, Savantvadi, Savanur, and Aden. The City of Ahmedabad was declared free from plague.

BOMBAY CITY.

The following summary of Plague Operations in Bombay City during the week ending the 7th July 1900 is published for information:—

The total mortality registered at the cemeteries was 1,041, being an increase of 101 over the figures of the previous week. 9 deaths were not traceable in the City. Including cases treated as suspicious, there were 204 deaths from plague, 12 from relapsing fever and 143 from cholera, leaving 682 due to ordinary causes against an average mortality of 509. Dongri, Market, Mazgaon, Second Nadpada, Parel and Worli Sections showed a slight increase in the death-rate; while the mortality of Umarkhadi and Mahim slightly declined. The total number of inoculations performed during the week was 155, and the total up to the end of the week under report was 199,105. During the period from 10th May 1900 to 30th June 1900 the number of departures from Bombay exceeded that of arrivals by 34,337, leaving the estimated population of the town at about 807,200. 99 plague cases were under treatment at the beginning of the week. 12 were admitted during the week. Recoveries and deaths were 27 and 10, respectively. Appended are also statements showing information in regard to the plague operations and in regard to inoculation.

RAILWAY INSPECTION.

The following summary of results of Railway Medical Inspection, Bombay Presidency, for the week ending the 6th July 1900, is published for information:—

During the week seven plague cases were detected, one having been actually suffering when removed from the train, and six having developed plague a short time after removal. Of the above cases four were detected at A'nand (one from Surat and three from Baroda) and three at Kalyan (all from Bombay). 414 passengers in all were detained for observation, and 2,126, subjected to clinical thermometer test. In all 1,193 plague cases have been detected up to the end of the week under report under the revised system; 735 of these have died; 438 have recovered; 11 have been transferred; and 9 remaind under treatment.

SEA INSPECTION.

The following summary of results of Sea Inspection at Bombay for the week ending the 6th July 1900, is published for information:—

During the week 303 out-going vessels, including native sailing craft, with 8,550 crew and passengers were medically inspected, 83 persons being rejected; the clothing and bedding of 1,188 outward-bound persons were disinfected; the crew and passengers of two steamers (numbering 625 souls) were medically examined on their arrival in port, and their clothing and bedding thoroughly disinfected.

The following Notification issued by the Government of Madras in the Local and Municipal Department is republished for general information:—

"Whereas the Governor of Fort St. George in Council is satisfied that there is danger of an outbreak of plague at Mantsala in the Adoni Taluk of the Bellary District, if persons from the Bombay Presidency, his Highness the Nizam's Dominions and other plague-infected parts are permitted to assemble at that place on the occasion of the ensuing car festival:

In exercise of the powers delegated to him under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, His Excellency the Governor in Council prohibits the attendance at the said festival from the 4th to the 14th August 1900, both days inclusive, of persons from the places mentioned above. All pilgrims proceeding to the festival in contravention of this Notification will be turned back."

THE LATE SIR SYED AHMED KHAN MEMORIAL FUND.

THE following correspondence is sent to us for publication:—

To Nawab Mohsin-ul-Mulk, Bahadur.

From H. H. the Nawab of Rampur.

12th July, 1900.

My dear Mohsin-ul-Mulk,—I am sending Rs. 25,000 for the college, which I hope will reach you all right. My Private Secretary has written to you on the subject, I should like to pay an official visit to the college when you are there, so let me know please when I should come.—Yours, &c.,

(Sd.) HAMID ALI KHAN, Nawab of Rampur.

To Nawab Mohsin-ul-Mulk Bahadur, Secretary, M. A. O. College, Aligarh.

Rampur, 11th July, 1900.

Dear Sir,—I have the pleasure to inform you that H. H. the Nawab has been pleased to issue orders for the payment of twenty-five thousand rupees towards the M. A. O. Aligarh College Fund. The amount of the (50,000) subscription, which his Highness has promised, will thus be paid in two instalments.

His Highness hopes that this pecuniary aid from Rampur will have the effect of stimulating the ambition of the trustees in carrying out the noble aim they have set themselves to attain by following the example of their great leader, the late Sir Syed Ahmed, Khan Bahadur. We trust the finances of the college will now improve, and in no distant future we shall see this college turned into a Mahomedan University.—Yours, &c.,

ABDUSSAM AD KHAN,
Pte. Sec. to H. H. the Nawab of Rampur.

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THE WEATHER.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

SIMLA, JULY 19.

Thursday: Barometer has risen briskly along hills in north-west India and over whole of north-east India, Orissa, Ganjam and east of Central Provinces. It has been steady or has risen slightly elsewhere. Pressure is in large excess over the north of the Bay. Winds have died away at Diamond Island, and very little rain has fallen in Burma during the last twenty-four hours. Slight to moderate rain has fallen in Bengal and North-Western Provinces, except south-eastern districts, and Eastern States of Central India. Showers have fallen in submontane Punjab and Upper India hills. Darjeeling has received three inches, Jalpaiguri, Purnea, Rawalpindi and Mussoorie, two inches each and Benares and Lucknow one inch each. Slight to moderate rain has fallen on the West Coast and a few scattered showers have fallen in Central Provinces and Madras. Bijapur has had a heavy local fall of three inches. Mean temperature is from four to five degrees above normal in Rajputana, Gujarat, and Berar, and two degrees in Central India and Central Provinces. It is two degrees in defect in Assam.

THE COTTON DISTRICTS.

Messrs. Greaves Cotton and Co. received the following weather telegrams yesterday morning:—

Broach:—Cloudy but no rain. Insufficient rain will injure crop. Looks like seasonable weather, but uncertain.

Bhownugger:—Bright. No sign of rain. Rain much needed generally.

Wudhwan:—No sign of rain. Sky clear. Great anxiety.

Veeramgaum:—No rain.

TELEGRAPHIC WEATHER AND CROP REPORTS, 19th July.

Amritsar.—Cloudy, but no rain. Crop prospects generally good.

Ferozpore.—Cloudy, but no rain. More rain wanted generally. Crop prospects generally good.

Multan.—Cloudy, but no rain. Cotton plants want more rain. Food-grains doing well. Crop prospects generally good.

Delhi.—Cloudy but no rain. Cotton plants want more rain.

Agra.—Cloudy, but no rain. Cotton sowing begun.

Cawnpore.—Rain, general over district. Crop prospects generally good.

Beawar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton sowing making good progress.

Amraoti.—Continues cloudy. Cotton plants flourishing.

Khamgaon.—Cloudy, but no rain. Cotton plant flourishing. Food-grains sowing has made fair progress.

Dhulia.—Bright, no sign of rain. Rain so far insufficient to enable agricultural operations getting a fair start. Seasonable. Cotton plants want more rain. Absence of rain causes anxiety.

Jalgaon.—Looks like clearing up. Cotton plants flourishing and want more rain. Food-grains sowing has made fair progress.

Broach.—Bright, no sign of rain. South-Westerly wind. More rain wanted generally. Seeds germinating. Absence of rain causes anxiety again.

Viramgam.—Bright, no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally.

Wadhwan.—Cloudy, but no rain. Rain so far insufficient to enable agricultural operations getting a fair start. Wind blowing. Cotton sowing not commenced owing to absence of rain. Absence of rain causes anxiety.

Dholera.—Bright, no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally. Absence of rain causes anxiety.

Bhavnagar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally. No rain here and in district.

Barsi.—Continues cloudy. Looks like rain. Cotton plants flourishing. Food-grains doing well.

Sholapur.—Continues cloudy. Food-grains

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In submitting our new Catalogue to the public which can be obtained on application, we desire to place this object prominently before them, at the same time thanking them for the patronage and support they have already given us. It has enabled us to place the concern in some degree in as favoured a position as some of the leading Picture Dealers' establishments in London or Paris ; so far, at least, as India is concerned.

A new feature, as will be seen in the present issue of the Catalogue, is that we have included all the different lines of business which we undertake in one and the same cover, whereas in former years they were printed in separate handbooks, leaflets, &c., necessitating a deal of needless repetition.

It has, therefore, been our endeavour to spare the public the tediousness of the task of looking through a number of separate prints for what they require, by compiling the present issue in as concise and handy a form as possible, adding to it an Index—a feature that was not possible to introduce in the former erratic sort of publications.

Of course, we are sensible of many defects in this our first venture : the principal one being the impossibility to embody in a trade catalogue a complete list of our stock of Engravings. We would, therefore, request those seeking any known engraving not enumerated herein to communicate with us.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

THURSDAY EVENING, JULY 19.

2 3-4 per cent. Consols .....@98 1-8—7-16
3 per cent Rentes .....@100 unchanged.
3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan.....@107—@1
3 1-2 per cent. Govt. Securities..@93 1-8 ,,
Bar Silver in London .....28 1-4 ,,
Do in New York.....61 3-8 ,,
Exchange on London at Paris....25 12 plus 1-2 ,,
Do on New York.....4·87 unchanged
Discount Bank of England, 3 per cent. ,,
Do Short London Bills 3 1-4 per cent. plus 1-8
Do Indian Bank Bills, 3 3-4 ,, unchanged

FREIGHTS.—COALS, Cardiff, to Bombay, via Canal, 27s. 6d.

ARRIVALS.—Gymeric and Idar.

At the Periodical Biddings for Council Bills on India to-day for Rs. 25,00,000.

Rs. 8,20 000 were allotted to Calcutta.
Rs. 1,20 000 ,, to Bombay.
Rs. 15,60,000 ,, to Madras.

Rs. 25,00,000

Tenders on Calcutta and Bombay at 1s 3 29-32d. (minimum rate) received 10 per cent. above that rate in full.

Average rates of allotment, Calcutta and Bombay, 15·93.

TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFERS.—

Rs. 1,00,000 allotted to Calcutta.

Tenders on Calcutta at 1s. 3 31-32d. (minimum rate) received in full.

Average rate of allotment, Calcutta, 15·97,

Total amount of Bills sold during the week ending Tuesday evening, incuding last public sale Rs. 33,10,000.

Amount to be allotted next week, Rs. 20,00,000.

EXCHANGE.—Rates opened somewhat unsettled this morning on its becoming known that the Secretary of State had let go his Telegraphic Transfers at 1s.331-32d. but soon after opening the market steadied, and the Bazaar came out as large buyers of forward Bank Demand at 1s. 4d. for October and later.

Bank Telegraphic was sold as early as September at 1s. 3 31-32d. The rate for July Credits is 1s. 4 5-32d. and for August 1s. 4 3-16d. later onme the year 1s. 4 7-32d, but the supply is extremily small.

Bank Telegraphic, ready .....1s. 3 29-32d.
Bank Demand, ,, ...1s. 3 15-16d.
3 Months' Sight Credits, ...1s. 4 5-32d.
Do. France.....169. 3-4
Shanghai, 30 days' sight .....Rs. 197
Hongkong do. ..... ,, 145
Japan do. ..... ,, 148 1-2

MONEY.—The Bank of Bengal cash balance is down 140 lacs on the week, principally due to Government withdrawals.

The Directors of tho Bank of Bombay made no change in their rate of interest at their meeting to-day, which remains at 4 per cent.

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—The market opened at Rs. 94-9·0 for the Settlement and remained unchanged throughout the day with a good business passing.

STOCKS AND SHARES.—The market is still in the same lifeless state with little doing.

	Rs.
Bank of Bombay.....	1,230
China Mills S. ahd W. Company.....	360
Khatau Makanji do.	325
New Great Eastern do.	110

The Wadia Spinning and Weaving Mills Company has gone in liquidation.

FREIGHTS.—The rate for the line of Freight taken in the P. and O. Co. for Marseilles, late August, should have been roported at 12s. 6d. and not 13s. 6d.

Locally we hear of nothing doing but there is a better demand from the Rice ports for Bombay and Charterers finding Rs. 8 hopeless are prepared to pay Rs. 8-8-0, and for timber, Rangoon to Bombay, Rs. 15-8-0 would be paid for August loading.

COALS.—The market for ready and near is very firm with a strong enquiry chiefly for transport requirements. In Deshargur a resale for near delivery was made at Rs. 16-4 for 1,000 tons, and for the same quantity, also for near delivery, Jardines fetched Rs. 15. There is a very good enquiry for Seebpore with buyers at Rs. 14-8, while sellers hold out for Rs. 15.

WHEAT.—The market is slightly steadier and White Delhi for July is quoted Rs. 5-5-9, August September Rs. 5-7-9, and for New Crop, April-May, the rate has moved up to Rs. 5-2-0 to Rs. 5-2-6.

SEEDS.—GINGELLY.—Unchanged and of no interest.

CASTORSEED. The market is firm with a good demand at Rs. 40-8.

LINSEED.—A quiet but steady market. Bold grain Rs. 10-4 to Rs. 10-5, small Rs. 9-15 with only a small business doing owing to want of stuff.

RAPESEED is quiet with little doing. Brown Cawnpore Rs. 7-8. Yellow Rs. 7-14.

POPPYSEED.—The market is quieter at Rs. 8-7.

LONDON quotes Linseed 47s. 9d., April-May, Dunkirk, Sellers quiet.

COTTON.—The local market has improved to-day in sympathy with the higher advices from Liverpool and America, and there has been more doing. Prices for ready and forward deliveries have improved Rs. 2. to Rs. 3 per candy and sellers are firm.

Tho enquiry runs on Westerns, Bengals, and Sawginned Dharwar. As local stocks of yarn, do not move the Mills prefer to keep out of the cotton market, but occasionally 100 bales are bought for immediate requirements.

Bengal Fine, ready.....Rs. 296
,, F.G. ,, ...Rs. 195, Jan. 1901 Rs. 193
Broach Fine ,, ...Rs. 225
,, Good ,, ...Rs. 218, March ,, Rs. 228

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed strong. Surats quiet. Manchester was quiet. Total sales 5,000 bales. Sold on speculation and for export, 700 bales. Imports 1000 bales. Surats 100. Spot 5s 29-32d. plus 6-32d. Arrivals closed steady.

Mid.-Uplands in Liverpool—

July	July-Aug.	Oct.-Nov.	Jan.-Feb.
5·48	5·43	4·46	4·35
plus 15-64	plus 13-64	plus 7-64	plus 7-64

In New York—

Receipts at the Ports .....10,000 bales.
Exports to Great Britain.....8,000 ,,
,, to Continent .....8,000 ,,
Mid.-Uplands 10 plus 3-16
Futures, month of August, 9·04 plus 36
,, ,, of December 8·24 plus 17

Receipts of Cotton into Bombay yesterday :—

	Bales of 392 lbs.
Compta and Dharwar	454
Westerns	70
Total...	524

Summary of daily arrivals of produce into Bombay yesterday :—

Wheat	cwts	4,719
Linseed	,,	1,089
Rapeseed	,,	66
Gingelly	,,	441
Poppyseed	,,	739
Castorseed	,,	989
Rice	,,	4,073
Myrabollams	,,	351

[REUTER'S TELEGRAM.]

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, JULY 18.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed strong. Surats quiet.

Good Bhownugar 4 18-32.

The Manchester Market has been quiet.

2 3-4 per cent. Consols.....	98 9-16
3 per cent. Rentes.....	100
8 1-2 per cent. Sterling loan.....	107
3 1-2 per cent. Rupee papers	63 1-8
Bar Silver	28 1-4

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

HONGKONG, JULY 19.

The P. and O. Company's s. s. Coromandel, arrived here from Bombay at daylight to-day.

SUEZ, JULY 19.

The P. and O. Company's s. s. Sobraon, with the outward mails of the 13th instant left here at 1 a.m. to-day.

PLYMOUTH, JULY 19.

The B. I. S. N. Company's steamer Golconda, arrived here yesterday afternoon.

SUEZ, JULY 18.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Oceana, arrived here from Colombo this morning.

The Austrian Lloyd's s. s. Trieste, from Japan, sailed from Hongkong for Bombay on the afternoon of the 18th instant.

The same Company's s. s. Franz Ferdinand, from Bombay arrived at Hongkong on the morning of the 18th instant.

The Austrian Lloyd's s. s. China from Trieste sailed from Karchi for Bombay on the mornig of the 19th instant and is expected here on the morning of the 21st intant.

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BIRTHS.

BRAMLEY—July 12, at Fellfoot, Mussoorie, the wife of R C Bramley, D S Police Ajmere, Merwara, of a son.
LAWDER—July 12, at Hyderabad, Deccan, the wife of E J Lawder, of a daughter.
LOW—July 16, at No I, Little Russell St Calcutta, the wife of H V Low, of a son.

DEATHS.

KEOUGH—July 6, at the Ripon Hospital, Simla, after a long and lingering illness, Emily Sarah, relito of the late J H Keough, Assistant Secretary to the Financial Commissioners, Punjab, aged 41 years.
WYLLIE—July 14, at Coonoor, Winnifred, the beloved daughter of F A Wyllie, Esq, 2nd Welsh Regt, and granddaughter of Rev Dr and Mrs Durham, aged 10 months.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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PRINCE TUAN, who proposes to mobilise nine hundred and fifty thousand men to drive the Russians out of Manchuria, the British from Wei-Hai-Wei, and the Germans from Kiaochau has given the measure of his military competence at Tientsin. With the best foreign-drilled troops in China, estimated at thirty to forty thousand strong, a large number of Krupp guns and the help of uncertain numbers of enthusiastic Boxers he has let 8,000 foreigners drive him out of the city after several days' fighting, with the loss of sixty-two guns. Nothing more truly illustrating the difference in effective fighting quality between a thoroughly organised force with competent officers in all grades, and a more or less tumultuous array numerically far larger, but with no trained staff and officers could well be imagined. Xerxes with his million of men had to fly before a few thousand disciplined Greeks properly led. European armies have nothing to fear from millions of half-armed, half-organised and badly-equipped Chinese, under a military leader of the known incompetence of Prince Tuan. It might be different if an organiser were to come to the front who would distribute the raw levies in camps of instruction, and carefully avoid actual fighting until they had learned to acquit themselves fairly well. No such man is on the horizon. Meanwhile the incredible blunder has been committed of attacking the Russians in Manchuria, wrecking miles of the railway. Russia was the only Power which always spoke of China during the recent troubles as a friendly neighbour whom she desired to assist so that her Government might suppress the lawless elements. Her attitude certainly created no little uneasiness amongst the other Powers, and her emphatic refusal to give Japan "a privileged position" in the contemplated operations was undoubtedly helpful to China. Now that the semi-official declaration that Russia did not approve of the suggestion that the Empress-Dowager should be deposed and a new Government established, is requited by the attack on Blagovestchensk and the endangering of her engineers the bitter resentment of the Russian Government will not be long in making itself felt. Her preponderant strength will be exerted on the side of the Powers least friendly to China. Already the counsel comes from St. Petersburg that Great Britain should seize Li-Hung-Chang, the one statesman capable of evolving order out of the present chaos, and hold him as a hostage. As a hostage Li-Hung would be useless ; the Powers could not shoot or hang or blow him from a gun ; if things continue to go wrong in Northern China. The purpose covered by the advice is to deprive the drifting Empire of the services of the one man that might get it off the rocks.

THERE was a good deal of rural simplicity, as well as sufficiently misplaced ingenuity, in the methods resorted to by Raojee Narayan and his brother Vishnu, bailing from Parulekar, a village in Sawantwadi, to establish the Deccan Bank and Agency. The High Court has devoted many days to the contemplation of their devices, with the result that these enterprising individuals, who were animated by the patriotic ambition of finding employment for native capital in new industries will have to pass a year in rigorous seclusion. Five years ago, persons who essayed something of the same kind in their own interests and in that of their country, passed harmlessly through the meshes of the Penal Code. A vigilant Government amended the law and where former offenders escaped with impunity their successors have been laid by the heels. Mr. Rivett-Carnac in laying the case before the Court, sketched the origin of the Deccan Banking Corporation, Limited. The brothers "Parulekar"—who took the territorial title as if the village were a family fief—carried on business in Bombay, in charge of a Marriage Benefit Fund and a Death Benefit Fund, of which they were the secretaries, and apparently the treasurers. In 1896 they thought the time had come to start a bank They registered a memorandum and articles of association in July of that year. It was to have a modest capital of Rs. 20,000, in two hundred shares of Rs. 100 each, to be paid up in instalments of Rs. 5 monthly. It would thus require twenty months to get the whole of the capital paid in. The promoters evolved the name of M. Hare and Co. for themselves in their capacity of Managing Agents—a style and title deemed to have a European flavour. The brothers each contributed part to the name. The elder was known by the name of Milgheri in Madras and the initial represented that name. The younger brother had at one time been known as Hari ; a transliteration converted the name into Hare. A meeting of seven directors in Madras appointed Messrs. Hare and Co. Managing Agents, with full powers.

Then there arrived an application from Messrs. Parulekar of Bombay for the agency in this city. The application was granted, and the younger brother received Rs. 50 per mensem to manage this branch. The rent of the head office and the manager's house in Madras was Rs. 20. At the end of the year a board of directors for Bombay, including many business men in this city, was appointed. None of the men whose names were so unceremoniously used knew anything about the honour conferred on them. In the meantime the capital had been increased by a stroke of the pen to ten lakhs. The only capital actually brought into the concern was Rs. 4,500, taken from the Marriage and Death Benefit Funds. A year after the opening of the Bombay branch, with an influential directorate, letters came from M. Hare and Co. to his brother, telling him that it would be necessary to make a good impression in Madras by doing a big business in Bombay. To that end large entries of deposits were to be made and of loans of nearly equal amounts. This was done by one Raghunath, brother-in-law of the two speculators. The balance-sheet was received with approbation in Madras, and Vishnu Parulekar was commended for his diligence and success. The entries showed deposits up to two lakhs and forty-three thousand at 6 per cent. interest, and loans amounting to Rs. 2,10,000, paying 11 per cent. interest, the profits earned in Bombay being put at thirteen per cent. M. Hare came to Bombay to see things for himself and to take away sundry cash books, which were not in existence when the crash came. It came about in this wise. In an unauspicious hour Vishnu went to Mr. Karsandas Chabildas, a member of the Bombay Bar, to inspect the balance-sheet showing that prosperous business was being done. That gentleman complied with the request to become a director and purchase some shares. So far well. But when Mr. Karsandas received certain information, he went to the office to ask Parulekar and Co. for explanations. The local agent being absent, Mr. Karsandas questioned the clerks as to how the books were kept, with the result that he took possession of the office, and filed an information against the accused in the Bombay Police Court. The accused and some books were brought from Madras by an Inspector of Police. Mr. Karsandas believed that the two accused were partners in the European firm of Hare and Co. When he asked the second accused whether there was a European in that firm Vishnu nodded affirmatively. Without that assurance he would not have bought shares or become a director of the Banking Association.

It transpired that a deposit of Rs. 53,000 was made in the name of the wife of the first accused. Needless to say the lady was not put into the witness-box to prove that she had, as a matter of fact, deposited that very considerable sum and explain how she came by it. All the deposits and loans were fictitious. It was unfortunate for Raoji Parulekar that he took his wife's name in vain. There was no corroboration of the evidence of the accomplished brother-in-law that all the bogus entries were made by the elder accused's instructions. Mr. Justice Tyabjee was struck by the fact that if he were no party to the fraudulent entries it was strange that he should have made no inquiry as to how his wife's name was credited with a deposit of over half a lakh. The presumption of complicity was very strong and the jury framed its unanimous verdict accordingly. The verdict was preceded by a very full and patient inquiry into the facts. As it was impossible to foresee what line the defence might take, it was necessary to provide for every contingency. The accomplice Raghunath was denounced not unreasonably by counsel for the defence as a scoundrel, a perjurer, a blackmailer, and many things besides, and the learned Judge held that nothing had been said against the man that he did not deserve. By his own admission he was a forger and a liar. He sent a blackmailing letter to the accused the day after he left his service, humbly apologizing and withdrawing it when threatened with a prosecution. Obviously it was impossible to ask the jury to depend on the evidence of such a witness. But the broad facts of the case were not seriously disputed. Bogus entries had been made, and the accounts containing them audited in Madras, with the cognisance of Raojee who had visited Bombay and seen how things were managed on this side. Mr. P. M. Mehta and Mr. W. R. Hamilton who respectively defended the first and second accused, could only contend, and quite truly, that the fictitious entries and cooked balance-sheets showing a profit of thirteen per cent., had not injured anybody. No one was induced to join except Mr. Karsondas Chabildas, who promptly indemnified himself, and handed all concerned over to the police. They argued that the essence of fraud must be an intention to injure; and as no one was injured where was the offence ? Mr. Justice Tyabjee took a different view, laying it down, that if the entries were made falsely, not representing any real transaction they were intended to deceive some one, no matter whom, the offence was complete. But in apportioning the punishment his Lordship gave weight to the fact that no serious loss had been caused to any member of the public by the offence the prisoners had committed. There will be general concurrence in this view but, notwithstanding that extenuating circumstance, a very grave offence against commercial morality and public integrity had been committed, and the law must take serious notice of it. Everyone must regret that the biggest scoundrel of all has escaped, so far, with entire immunity.

FIVE-AND-A-HALF years hence the lease of the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway Company will expire and as in the case of the G. I. P. Railway, the line will, no doubt, be taken over by the Government of India. The agreement in regard to the working of the Rajputana-Malwa State Railway and other subsidiary State lines expired on the 30th June and the Government have now assumed control of those lines, though still leaving the actual management in the hands of the B. B. and C. I. Company. Fifteen years ago when the agreement in regard to the State lines was entered into, the company were given a fifth share of the profits over and above the interest paid to the Government on the capital cost of the lines. That share has now, however, been taken away. But as the working of the State lines has been left in their hands for the period that the lease of the company's line has yet to run certain benefits will remain to them. The average dividends during the period of the working of the State lines have been £7-6-5 per annum and the average contribution to that amount from the State lines was 16s. 2d. This latter amount, which is more than it was expected would be derived from these lines, therefore represents the reduction of dividend that the shareholders of the B. B. and C. I. Railway may expect as a consequence of the new arrangement. But on the other hand the earnings of the company's line may be expected to be greater rather than less than in the past, and thus the effects of the new arrangement may be counterbalanced. One of the direct benefits to the company by the new terms is that the cost of working the whole system will be deducted from the gross receipts and the net receipts will be divided in proportion to the gross earnings of the respective lines, while the company will no longer have to pay the Government supervision charges on the State lines, which amount to nearly a lakh and a-half per annum. At the half-yearly meeting of the shareholders of the company recently held in London there were some complaints that the Secretary of State for India had treated the company hardly in taking away from them all share in the profits resulting from their working of the State lines. But as the chairman, Sir Juland Danvers rightly observed, the Government might have decided to deprive the company of the management of those lines. General Keatinge and Mr. S. J. Wilde, two of the directors, pointed out the further possibility that the Government might have diverted a great deal of the traffic from the State lines over the Indian Midland and the G. I. P. Railways. The directors, therefore, acted wisely in accepting the only terms they could get in order not to lose the lines which act as feeders to their own property. Economy of management also suggested that it was advantageous to retain the direction of those lines, while the traffic thereby forwarded to the B. B. and C. I. Line will contribute to maintain the value of the Company's property, a point which in view of the prospect of being bought out by the Government was not absent from the minds of the directors. The shareholders adopted the terms arrived at and expressed their approval of the grant of £1,000 from the surplus of the Company to the Indian Charitable Relief Fund.

ALTHOUGH cholera has been present in Bombay City for the past two months the number of fatal cases did not warrant it being termed "epidemic" until about a fortnight ago. Since then the disease has spread with alarming rapidity, and it shows signs of further development. During the week ending on Tuesday last there were 239 deaths against 175 the previous week from this source. On Wednesday there were 47 victims and yesterday 42 persons succumbed to its virulence. There is absolutely no doubt that it is established in the city, and its presence is a source of great danger to all. Col. Weir, in his last report, referrad to the influx of thousands of famine-stricken people into Bombay. The spread of cholera is favoured by alternate damp and heat, and among the predisposing causss are the use of unripe fruit, bad and insufficient food, personal uncleanliness, overcrowding, and all other kinds of unfavourable hygienic surroundings. It is, therefore, probable that the majority of fatal cases occur among these unfortunate refugees. Worli, Mahim and Parel are the worst affected districts, and account for 69 deaths, and the fatalities in Mazagon, Byculla, Northern Fort, Umarkhadi, Dongri, and Kamatipura each run into double figures. With the exception of Southern Fort and Chowpati, the disease is prevalent throughout Bombay. Plague has almost subsided in the Presidency, though in Bombay City it is about at its normal stage at this season of the year. For the corresponding week in 1899 in the mofussil only there were 1,384 as against 23 this year, but unfortunately the relief thus afforded is more than counterbalanced by an appalling mortality from cholera. The mortality returns show remittent fever is lessening, but there is practically no diminution in the number of deaths from diseases of the lungs, the victims during last week totalling to 353. Dysentery and diarrhœa accounted for 132 persons or nearly 300 per cent. more than normal. The total number of deaths was 1,219, giving an annual death-rate of 74·35, as against 30·69 in comparison with 1899.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL H. E. PENTON acts as Political Resident at Aden, vice Brigadier-General O. M. Creagh, V.C., pending further orders.

MR. A. D. BROWN, I.C.S., has been allowed an extension of furlough on medical certificate, for three months.

MR. G. F. KEATINGE, I. C. S., has been appointed Personal Assistant to the Collector of Sholapur, vice Mr. R. C. Brown, I. C. S.

MR. A. C. LOGAN, I.C.S., Revenue Department, has been granted an extension of furlough on medical certificate, for four months.

MAJOR W. FEARN, Superintendent of Panchgani in the district of Satara, has been appointed a second class Magistrate in that district.

CAPTAIN H. A. F. KNAPTON, I.M.S., has been appointed to do duty as District Medical Officer, Ahmedabad, pending further orders.

CAPT. J. B. SMITH, M. B., M. Ch., B. A., I. M. S., Civil Surgeon, Bijapur, has been allowed to return to duty within the period of his leave.

MR. K. C. RUSHTON, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Sholapur, has been appointed an extra Assistant Superintendent at Khandesh.

DR. E. MAYNARD becomes District Medical Officer under the Famine Code, for the district of Ahmednagar, vice Captain F. D. Brown, I.M.S.

DR. E. S. WINTER has been appointed District Medical Officer, under the Famine Relief Code, for the district of Poona, vice Dr. J. H. Murray.

LIEUTENANT G. C. LAING, M.B., I.M.S., acts as Superintendent of the Central Prison, Hyderabad, vice Captain Thomas Jackson, M.B., B.S., I.M.S.

MR. C. W. D'GAMA has been appointed to act as first Deputy Registrar and Commissioner for taking affidavits during the absence of Mr. W. Lane.

DR. J. W. O. VAN MILLEKOEN has been appointed District Medical Officer, under the Famine Code, for the district of Kaira, vice Captain G. O. F. Sealy, I.M.S.

MR. F. X. DESOUZA, M.A., LL.B., (Cantab) Bar.-at-law, I.C.S., has been appointed to act as Judge and Sessions Judge at Ahmedabad, during the absence of Mr. T. D. Fry.

MR. J. SANDERS-SLATER, Chief Presidency Magistrate and Revenue Judge, Bombay, has been granted privilege leave for three months from the 6th August or any subsequent date.

THE services of LIEUTENANT A. M. KETTLEWELL, 6th Bombay Cavalry, on famine duty, are replaced at the disposal of the Government of India in the Revenue and Agricultural Department.

THE services of Lieut. M. V. Crichton, 19th Bombay Infantry, on famine duty, have been replaced at the disposal of the Government of India in the Revenue and Agricultural Department.

CAPTAIN S. EVANS, M.B., C.M., I.M.S., has been appointed Assistant Surgeon at the David Sassoon Hospital and Assistant to the Civil Surgeon, Poona, but pending further orders Capt. Evans continues to discharge his present duties in Bombay.

CAPT. S. E. PRALL, M. B., B. S., I. M. S., acts as Deputy Sanitary Commissioner for the Western Registration District, in addition to his own duties, from the date of receiving charge from Capt. A. F. W. King, I. M. S., pending further orders.

CAPTAIN T. X. BRITTEN, 10th Bombay Light Infantry, has been appointed Cantonment Magistrate at Ahmedabad, in additon to his military duties, vice Lieutenant R. Gardiner. Captain Britten has been also appointed a first class Magistrate in the Ahmedabad District and a Judge of the Small Causes Court in the cantonment.

SECOND LIEUT. A. R. SHARP, Bombay Volunteer Rifles, has been promoted to be Lieutenant, vice Vincent deceased. Second Lieutenant G. T. Walters Olver becomes Lieutenant, vice Capt. D. J. Sharp promoted. Second Lieutenant Richard Waterfield has been promoted Lieutenant, vice Lieut. James, transferred to the Supernumerary list, and Second Lieut. G. A. Phillips becomes Lieutenant to complete the establishment.

THE total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending July 17 was 1,219, giving a death-rate of 74·35 per annum per thousand as against 30·69 the corresponding period of last year, and 33·03 the average over the past five years. Of the total number 96 died from fevers ; 60, plague ; 5, small-pox ; 2, measles ; 239, cholera ; 1, leprosy ; 148, phthisis ; 56, diseases of the nervous system ; 205, affections of the respiratory organs ; 92, diarrhœa ; 40, dysentery ; 44, still-born ; 90, old age and debility ; 23, accidents and violence. The classified list of deaths shows :—Jain, 40 ; Brahmin, 24 ; Lingaet, 3 ; Bhattia, 5 ; Hindu of other caste, 630 ; Hindu low caste, 202 ; Musalman, 232 ; Parsee, 25 ; Jew, 6 ; Native Christian, 34 ; Eurasian, 4 ; European, 11 ; Negro-African, 2 ; other and unknown castes, 1. The total number of births was 211 as against 168 the corresponding period of last year, and 239 the average over the past five years.

SERIOUS defalcations have been discovered in the cash receipts of the Poozoondoung railway station.

MACHINERY costing £25,000 will probably be required by the Ordnance Department in India during 1901-2.

Colonel Neville Chamberlain, Central India Horse, now on Lord Roberts' Staff, has accepted the post of Inspector-General of the Irish Constabulary.

MESSRS. SHAPURJI AND CO., Allahabad, have been specially thanked by the Government of India for the gifts of tobacco and cigars for the troops in Africa.

If the 2nd Division goes to China the 20th Punjab Infantry will probably be relieved at Delhi by the 8th Bombay Infantry from Ahmednagar and Indore.

THE s. s. Bulimba, with the Madras mails, arrived at Rangoon on Monday reported three cholera cases on board. One man died while passing Elephant Point.

Brinadier-General MacCall, Officiating in Command of the Peshawar District will be posted to the Bangalore District when General Lugard vacates on the August 21st.

THE total mortality in Calcutta on Sunday was 75. The number of plague cases was returned as 15 and the same number of deaths, 13 of which occurred on previous dates, was reported.

THE Government of India has sanctioned the despatch in a private vessel of 2,450 hand fans for hospitals in South Africa. These have been presented by Thakur Shripal Singh of Sitapur.

THE total mortality in Calcutta on Monday was exactly normal, namely, 50, and there were only two fresh cases of plague reported with three deaths from that cause, the latter occurring on previous dates.

THE Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhushahr Division, reports that light snow fell at 10,000 feet on the 1st, and 14th June, and that there is a large accumulation of snow on the higher passes.

IT has been decided that a military officer employed as Private Secretary to the Viceroy, the Governors of Madras or Bombay, or the Lieutenant-Governor of a Province should wear his military uniform.

HIS HIGHNESS THE NAWAB OF RAMPUR has forwarded to Nawab Mohsin-al-Mulk Bahadur Rs. 25,000, the moiety of his promised subscription towards the "Sir Syed Ahmed Khan Memorial Fund."

THE 42nd Gurkhas are provisionally united with the other Gurkha battalions in the Punjab pending the decision of the Government of India regarding the transfer of other Gurkha battalions from Assam to the Punjab.

THE services of the Rev. T. Scott, Church of Scotland at present attached to the Royal Scots Fusilers, are replaced at the disposal of the Home Department, with effect from the date on which he relieves the Rev. J. Taylor.

IN the special report on the arrangements for the embarkation of troops at Calcutta for South Africa, the good services of Captain Gwyn, Royal Indian Marine, were specially brought to notice by the Lieutenant-General Commading, Bengal.

CASES of typhoid fever have been occurring in the the Wellikade Jail, Colombo, during the last fortnight. At present nearly 20 cases are under treatment in the convict hospital. It has also spread to the Mutwal Jail, where a few cases have occurred.

THE 3rd Coolie Corps, which was detained en route to Bombay, but had not been infected by cholera has been allowed to proceed. The 2nd Corps is still detained at Aligarh, and the 4th, which had several cases of cholera, has not been allowed to start from Pindi.

THE recent heavy rains considerably damaged the main road from Kalka to Simla, and the mails are arriving several hours late. The Delhi-Kalka Railway is reported breached on both sides of Thannassar Station, and serious floods are reported from Patiala.

CHOLERA has spread markedly in the Punjab during the past month. Hissar at one end of the province and Peshawar at the other have been attacked, and it has now broken out at Fort Lockhart on the Samana range. By the end of last month there had been over 12,000 cases, with 6,871 deaths. Mr. A. J. Grant, Deputy Commissioner, Bannu, succumbed to cholera on Tuesday.

THE following are the winners of the Madras Command and provincial Volunteer medals for the season 1899-1900 :—Command medal, Sergeant Instructor Eden, Bangalore Rifle Volunteers, 73 points ; provincial medals (1) Madras, Hyderabad and Berar, Colour-Sergeant Closson, Nilgiri Volunteer Rifles, 72 points ; (2) Burma, Colour-Sergeant Jose, Burma Railways Volunteer Corps, 70 points.

THE validity of the will of the late Sir William Cunliffe Brooks, the wealthy Lancashire banker, is, it is stated, to be contested in the Law Courts. The estate will be sworn by the executors at about £4,000,000. A caveat has been entered by the Marquess and Marchioness of Huntly, the daughter and son-in-law of the deceased banker, and they will be the defendants, resisting the action of the executors.

THE London correspondent of the "Manchester Courier" says :—"I understand that the Duke of Westminster has recently become engaged to Miss Shelagh West, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Cornwallis West, and sister to the beautiful Princess Henry of Pless. Miss West is a very lovely girl, and a general favourite in Society. She has been most actively employed this week in assisting Princess Alex. Dolgorouki at the Olympia Bazaar, where the fair bride-prospective has been a centre of great interest to those of her friends acquainted with the engagement. The marriage will take place very shortly."

TELEGRAMS.

(REUTER'S SPECIAL SERVICE.)

THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

THE CAPTURE OF TIENTSIN CITY.

LONDON, JULY 19.

The official despatches regarding the capture of Tientsin City state that 8,000 Allied Troops were engaged from two in the morning of the 13th instant until eight in the evening.

The Japanese on the next day blew up the city gate and entered.

The troops of the other Powers then followed and the whole city and the forts were captured.

The British loss included Captain Lloyd, of the Royal Marines, and twenty killed, besides ninety-three wounded.

The Chinese fled.

MOBILISATION OF CHINESE TROOPS TO EXPEL THE FOREIGNERS.

Russian official despatches report that Prince Tuan has mobilised 950,000 troops and is despatching one Army to drive the Russians out of Manchuria, and another against Wei-hei-Wai and Kiaochau.

TROUBLE ON THE YANGTSE.

LONDON, JULY 19.

All the ladies and children at the ports on the Yangtse have been requested to leave.

Troubles have broken out at both Kinkiang and Chinkiang.

THE POWERS TO SEND A BIG FORCE TO CHINA.

It is stated that the Powers have agreed to contribute 40,000 men each for service in China.

SUGGESTION BY M. DELCASSE.

M. Delcasse has issued a circular in which he suggests an agreement among the Powers to prevent the export of arms to China.

A REQUIEM FOR THE MASSACRED AT PEKING.

A solemn requiem will take place at Saint Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd instant to those who were massacred at Peking.

(REUTER'S ORDINARY SERVICE)

CAPTURE OF TIENTSIN CITY CONFIRMED.

LONDON, JULY 19.

The capture of the Chinese city at Tientsin by the Allies is confirmed.

Sixty-two of the enemy's guns fell into the Allies' hands.

ALARM AT ST. PETERSBURG.

LONDON, JULY 19.

Serious alarm is felt at St. Petersburg regarding the safety of the Russian engineers and troops in Siberia, mostly concentrated at Charbin and Blagovestchensk, both of which places are almost invested by the Chinese and their position critical.

THE RISING GENERAL.

SPREADING TO THE SOUTHERN PROVINCES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JULY 19.

The "Indian Daily News" publishes the following special cablegram :—London 18—The rising in China has become general, and the Powers now realise the magnitude of the task before them. Most excitement prevails in European capitals, and the determination to avenge the massacre of the foreigners in China is strong.

Tension in St. Petersburg is extreme and the attack on Blagovestchensk has roused the Russian Foreign Office to the danger which threatens their frontier.

Manchuria is ablaze, and the Chinese army, which is formidable in this Province, is clamourous to be led against the Russians who are detested.

The anti-foreign movement is spreading to the Southern Provinces, and also to the extreme West, as far as Thibet.

The duplicity of Li-Hung-Chang is causing the utmost exasperation. He has let loose the savage "Black Flags," fifty thousand of whom he has ordered to march through the Yang-tse provinces, apparently with a sinister object.

It has been seriously suggested that the British should arrest and hold him as a hostage at Hongkong.

The "Englishman" publishes the following special cablegram, dated Hongkong, 17th inst. :—

Six transports have arrived here, and have been immediately ordered to Wei-hai-Wei, where it is said the concentration takes place.

Hongkong 18.—Li-Hung-Chang has arrived at Hongkong. He says he does not intend to return to Canton, and that his future movements are uncertain.

TRANSPORT FIXTURES.

SIMLA, JULY 19.

The following dates are fixed for transport sailing :—The Cavalry Brigade, Brigade Staff and two squadron of the 16th Bengal Lancers embark on the 4th August in the Transports Scindia and Nurani; the remaining two squadrons of the same regiment embarking in the Rewa and Faltala on the 5th August. Two squadrons of the 3rd Bombay Cavalry will embark in the Upada and Ula on the 6th August, the remaining two squadrons of the same regiment embarking on the Fazilka and Lawada on the 9th August. The C Battery, Royal Horse Artillery, embarks in the Ujina on the 11th August.

ARRANGEMENTS IN BOMBAY.

The transport Nurani has entered the Dry Dock. The Naskin is taking in stone-ballast, and the work of fitting up both the transports is very near completion. Yesterday work began on the Upada which is taking in coal. The hospital-ship Carthage has been removed from the "N" shed and berthed near "K" shed. The Royal Indian Marine steamer Clive is expected to arrive to-day, from South Africa. The Dalhousie and Clive will leave for China on the 27th instant with the 2nd Bengal Infantry. The B. I. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Ula, 3,426 tons, Captain M. England, which has been chartered by the Admiralty, arrived in harbour yesterday from Akyab, with a cargo of rice. She entered the Prince's Dock yesterday, and as soon as her cargo is discharged, a preliminary survey will take place. She will probably be fitted to carry the Cavalry from Calcutta. The steamer Zamania, 4,515 tons, Captain B. F. Lee, belonging to the B. I. S. N. Company, which has been engaged by Government to convey the troops to China, arrived in harbour yesterday, from Madras, with a general cargo. She has entered the Dock.

The 34th Pioneers have been nominated for the 2nd Division. Nothing is settled yet *re* the remaining regiment or the staff for the Second Division for China.

The estimated cost of the hospital ships for China is £7,000 with a monthly recurring charge of £6,000.

Tents to the value of nearly £22,000 have already been sent to China; also 200 mules and carts and 400 sets of mule draught gear.

The additional batteries of Field Artillery detailed for China, if the 2nd Division is mobilised, are the 45th (Barrackpore), 48th (St. Thomas Mount), and 52nd (Jubbulpore). The 45th Field Battery will join the 1st Division to complete its Brigade Division, R. A., the 48th and 52nd Field Batteries forming the brigade division of the 2nd Division.

When the Cavalry Brigade leaves for China, the 3rd Bombay Cavalry will be replaced at Nasirabad and Neemuch by the 4th from Sirur.

The following concessions have been sanctioned for the families of officers of the China expeditionary force :—(1) In the non-trooping season passage Home by private steamer; (2) in the trooping season, passage Home by troopship if accommodation is available otherwise passage by private steamer; (3) in the case of officers who would have gone Home at public expense during the ensuing relief season, free passage by rail to port of embarkation will also be allowed; (4) in the case of passage Home by private steamer, it will in all cases be on the understanding that the families will not be sent back to India at public expense.

The Mandalay paper says :—In a letter, dated the 1st instant, Mr. Hobson from Tengyueh reports that all is quiet at Yunnanfu and Talifu and all Europeans are safe. Mr. Hobson will probably withdraw to Bhamo in a few days.

THE EUROPEANS IN PEKIN.

THE BEGINNING OF THE END.

The "Englishman" has been favoured with copy of a letter received at Shanghai from a Tientsin correspondent early in June, which gives a vivid account of the disorders in Tientsin, and of the fears even then entertained for the fate of those at Pekin :—

"My dear ——,—Things are getting worse and worse. Last night one of our shroffs arrived from Pekin and gave a terrible account of the state of the city which, of course, has to be received *cum grano* and this morning I had a short letter from——saying that they were in a bad way: that the soldiers were getting very troublesome and might attack them at any moment. The relief force had not reached Pekin, and they knew nothing of its whereabouts. I fear that its advent will be the signal for a general riot. As I wired you all our staff, except the compradore, have cleared out. It is absolutely impossible to send him assistance as no Chinese will go to Pekin for love or money. It is all I can do to keep my men at their posts. We are nearly all without servants and probably will soon be without food. Tientsin city is in the hands of the Boxers who burned down all the mission chapels and schools last night. They promise to pay us a visit to-night; I hope they will not disappoint us. They are patrolling the city in bands, and on meeting a mandarin the big man is pulled out of his chair and made to do obeisance. General Nieh had to go down on his knees, so did one of our shroffs and the compradore of the American Trading Co. They were lucky in escaping with their lives. All Chinese using foreign umbrellas or smoking cigarettes were hacked to pieces. A leading diplomat, writing under date of the 12th instant, says: 'The Empress has declared that if she has to go she will first have a bath in European blood. Nice amiable old lady! There is now no communication with the Pekin relief force. Yangtsum has been burned and the railway line and bridges destroyed. The Powers cannot do much unless they send more troops."

THE HYDERABAD CONTINGENT COMMAND.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, JULY 18.

Colonel L. Dening officiates in Command of the Hyderabad Contingent, vice Colonel Norman Stewart proceeded on service.

THE VICEROY'S COUNCIL.

The programme for to-morrow's meeting of the Viceroy's Council includes the introduction of a Bill to amend the Indian Limitation Act, also of a Bill to amend the Indian Law of Evidence respecting Bankers' Books; the reference of Census Bill to a select committee, and the putting of Nawab Muhammad Hayat Khan on the committee on the Punjab Land Alienation Bill.

RAVAGES BY THE RAINS.

SIMLA, JULY 19.

The Sutlej and other rivers about Simla are the highest on record. The Delhi-Kalka Railway is breached at Tuanasur and the dam at Patiala is also breached and many miles of the country is under water. Elephants are washed off their feet and a good deal of damage is done in the city.

INAUGURATION OF FEEDER LINES.

During the last month the following additional sections of railway were opened :—From Barnes junction to Bawra on the Bengal-Doars Railway, from Sailu to Purbhani on the Hyderabad-Godavary Valley Line, and as far as Gotitaria on the Mohpani branch of the G. I. P. Railway.

MILITARY NEWS.

Lieutenant Kettlewell, 6th Bombay Cavalry, is reposted to military duty.

THE POONA JUNIOR POLO TOURNAMENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

POONA, JULY 19.

The Poona Junior Polo Tournament commences from Monday next. Seven teams have entered. The following is the result of the drawing :—On Monday—the Royal Scots vs. the Poona Horse; Royal Artillery, Kirkee, vs. Royal Fusiliers; and Poona Gymkhana, bye. On Thursday—the 20th Hussars vs. Government House; and the winners of the above two matches. On Wednesday—the winners of the third match vs. Poona Gymkhana. On Friday, the Semi-final and on Monday, the Final.

THE POONA REGATTA.

The Poona Regatta will be held on the 27th and 28th September. The Karachi Club are sending crews.

LIEUTENANT PINHEY CONVALESCENT.

Lieutenant Pinhey, of the Shropshires, who was suffering from an attack of cholera, is getter better.

OBITUARY.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

NAVSARI, JULY 19.

The uthamna ceremony of Dastur Erachjee Sorabjee, a priest of the famous Meherjirana family, who died on Tuesday last, aged 78, was performed to-day by the high priest with great solemnity before a grand gathering. The deceased devoted whole of his life to religious discussions, composing and copying rare old manuscripts, thereby obliging much the whole of the Parsee community. The result of his life-long labour is fortunately preserved in the Meherjirana Library, which was closed to-day in his honor.

(REUTER'S ORDINARY SERVICE.)

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

THE BOER ATTACK POLE-CAREW'S FORCE.

ACTIVITY NEAR BETHLEHEM.

LONDON, JULY 19.

A despatch from Lord Roberts from Pretoria states that the enemy on the 16th made a determined attack on General Pole-Carew's left which was repulsed by the Irish Fusiliers and Colonials.

The enemy lost 69, and the British 7 killed, 29 wounded and 23 missing.

General Hamilton has advanced to Homant's Kraal unopposed.

[By Macadorp, mentioned in our yesterday's telegrams as the point for which General Ian Hamilton's march is being made, is doubtless meant Machadodorp, a few miles to the west of Watervalboven, 145 miles to the east of Pretoria; Homan's Kraal indicating the first stage. So far the march has been unopposed, but doubtless General Botha is waiting among the hills in the neighbourhood of Watervalboven. They stretch from that township right away east to Koomatipoort.]

One thousand five hundred Boers with five guns managed to break through Hunter and Rundle's cordon between Bethlehem and Ficksburg when proceeding to Lindley.

The first batch of Boer prisoners has started for Colombo from the Cape.

ARREST OF MR. WOLMARANS.

LONDON, JULY 19.

Mr. Wolmarans, a Transvaal Official, has been arrested at Hatherley.

A quantity of arms and £6,000 in bar gold were found concealed in his house.

ACTIVITY OF FREE STATERS.

The 1,500 Free State Boers who broke through Hunter's and Rundle's cordon, reached midway on the way to Lindley, on the 17th inst., after forced marches.

They are being hotly pursued by Broadwood's and Hutton's Cavalry.

CASUALTIES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, JULY 18.

The following casualties are reported :—

Killed—7th Dragoons, 2nd-Lieutenant K. K. Mackellar; 2nd Lincolnshires, Lieutenant Prichard.

Wounded severely—7th Dragoons, Captain Church; 2nd Lincolnshires, Captain Howley; Major Herapath, and Lieutenant Rennie.

Wounded slightly— Imperial Yeomanry, Lieutenant C. M. Robin; 7th Dragoons, Lieutenant Cholmley.

Wounded and prisoner—2nd Lincolnshires, Colonel Roberts.

Unwounded prisoner—Lieutenant Lyall.

Captain Knight, D. A. A. G., Imperial Yeomanry, who was reported missing, escaped and arrived at Ficksburg.

The nature of the wounds to Officers are as under—Captain Nelles, 1st Canadian Mounted Rifles, slight; Captain Dill, slight, returned to duty; Lieutenant G. W. Hall, gunshot wound in the shoulder, slight; Lieutenant Sampson, gunshot wound in the leg, slight.

Another list gives the following :—

Deaths at Marandalas on 12th July :—Queensland Mounted Infantry: Captain H. Hamilton, of dysentery.

At Bloemfontein on 13th July :— Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Lake, of Bright's disease.

Death from sickness near Kroonstad on 6th July:—9th Battalion, King's Royal Rifles, Surgeon-Lieutenant Colonel J. Creagh.

Major Royle, New South Wales, General Staff, taken prisoner of war, ten miles south-east of Heilbron on 30th June.

The following casualties are reported from Rustenburg on 7th July :—Killed—1st Canadian Mounted Rifles—Captain Nelles Whilklip.

On 8th July: slightly wounded—1st Battalion, Canadian Mounted Rifles, Lieutenant F. Young.

At Bethlehem, 7th July: slightly wounded—1st Royal Irish attached 5th Volunteer Battalion, King's Liverpool Regiment, Captain T. Warwick Williams; severely wounded—11th Division, Ammunition Column—2nd Lieutenant A. West.

On 6th July: dangerously wounded—Captain Macpherson, 1st Royal Munster Fusiliers: death from sickness at Marandallas, 9th July—Imperial Yeomanry, Lieutenant H. C. Andrew.

CALCUTTA, JULY 19.

Trooper Claude Francis, Lumsden's Horse, was severely wounded in an engagement at Sping's Station, south of Johannesburg, on Friday last. It was a smart skirmish, in which Lumsden's Horse acquitted themselves with marked gallantry.

THE INDIAN BUDGET.

LONDON, JULY 19.

The Indian Budget will be taken in the Commons on the 26th instant.—*Reuter.*

FIRE AT WAREE BUNDER.

About 7 o'clock last evening, a fire broke out in a range of huts erected on the land belonging to Mr. Nensey Khairaj, at Waree Bunder Road, on the other side of the Hancock Bridge. As the materials of these flimsy structures were highly inflammable, the fire spread with great rapidity and in a few minutes the entire range, which contained seventeen huts, was enveloped in flames. The huts were occupied by bullock cart-drivers, who used to keep their carts and animals therein. The fire orginated in the shed belonging to one Succaram Satoo, who was away from home. Immediately the outbreak was discovered, the neighbours commenced removing their carts and bullocks and they succeeded in saving them, with the exception of two carts, which were burnt. The fire-brigade stations were communicated with and the Babulla Tank engine arrived promptly on the spot, followed quickly by the Byculla, Fort, Chinchpoogly and Colaba steamers. Owing to a low pressure of water in the main, none of the engines could be worked. Lines of hose were however immediately run up and worked with standpipes. The fire was put out in about half-an-hour, but not before the whole of the range had been burned to the ground. The damage is estimated at Rs. 1,000. The origin of the fire is not known. It was stated that the Municipality had served a notice on the owner of the land, calling upon him to remove the huts, but before he could do anything, the order had been carried out by fire.

CAPTAIN DE LOTBINIERE, entrusted with the work of harnessing the Cauvery falls, has been taking photographs of the machinery of the principal mines, which he purposes to take with him for the inspection of the Company that is to work out the scheme. The Government have already embarked on the work. The scheme will be brought into practical use in three years' time and after working for a year the whole concern will be handed over to the Durbar.

ART, MUSIC AND DRAMA.

THE HANDEL FESTIVAL.

NEW PLAYS AT THE THEATRES.

NOTES ON CONCERTS.

LONDON, JUNE 29.

To discuss Maeterlinck's tragic romance "Pelleas and Melisande" at this time of the day would be a futile proceeding. The piece has been assigned a position in the repertory of Mrs. Patrick Campbell, and that she believes there is still a public, however limited in respect of numbers, prepared to find in it a certain attractiveness, the fact that it is down for three afternoon performances at the Royalty sufficiently attests. The first of these took place on the 21st inst. To appreciate Maeterlinck's work properly it is clear that one must approach it in the spirit of a "devot," gifted with unbounded faith and resolutely determined to discover beauties where the ordinary intelligence, unhappily, can only discern mawkishness and an unpleasant flavour. Nor is the presence of these unpalatable elements atoned for by any marked dramatic skill on the part of the author. Morbid, gloomy, and unsavoury, the story drifts along in bapazard fashion, while the characters speak and act in a manner that deprives them of any claim to figure as responsible human beings. To declare this is, of course, to call down upon one's head a charge of Philistinism from those who have the temerity to place the Belgian poet on a level with Shakespeare. That, however, is a matter of no importance; upon anyone capable of finding anything but repulsiveness and horror in such a scene as that wherein Goland forces his little son to spy on the supposed lovers—the one his wife and the other his brother—argument would assuredly be wasted. A more unwholesome episode has rarely been placed upon the stage. Of sympathy, obviously, there can be not a shred for the various characters; neither for the sickly-sentimental heroine with her eternal cry, "I am not happy," for the effeminate hero, Pelleas, nor for the purblind husband Goland. Performed in semi-darkness, to the accompaniment of sensuous music, and with an air of weired mystery, the piece received the respectful homage of a select audience, Mrs. Campbell resuming her old part of the dolorous Melisande, Mr. Martin Harvy again appearing as Pelleas, and Mr. Frank Mills taking up Mr. Forbes Robertson's original role of Goland. But that the general public would for a moment tolerate its unhealthy sentiments is too much to suppose.

There would appear to be no doubt that "The Devil's House," produced a few days ago at Birmingham by Mr. Murray Carson, is a work containing features of a daring and original character. It is in this very circumstance, of course, that the author, Mr. H. A. Kennedy, finds his greatest danger, for your average playgoer is apt to show himself a trifle coy in presence of anything resembling a fresh departure. Consider for an instant the subject selected by Mr. Kennedy for treatment. "In order to understand the mysterious central figure of the story, Niccolo d'Averno, we are told," says the "Birmingham Post," "to consider the old occult theory of 'Elementals,' that is, disembodied spirits of the lowest type. They are supposed to prey upon the vitality and spiritual force of those who are predisposed to evil. They are dependent on the constant spilling of human blood for their actual existence, even in a disembodied form. It is, in a sense, one of these that, during the action of the play, inhabits and animates the body of the murdered Niccolo d'Averno." In this hypothesis there is, manifestly, abundant matter for the development of a grim and blood-curdling story, of a type that would have appealed instinctively to the author of "The Gold Bug," or to his literary descendant, the creator of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." Mr. Kennedy, it would appear, has not failed to push his theories to an extreme limit, the result being a drama of genuine power and undoubted ability. But, as the critic of the "Post" questions, "whether this extraordinary and fantastic play will obtain any permanent hold upon the stage remains to be seen. That its author has thoroughly mastered his strangely chosen subject; that he has embellished it with many clever touches . . . that his dialogue is often brilliant, are facts to be frankly admitted; yet we cannot think that his work will appeal very strongly to matter-of-fact minds, and playgoers (we allude to provincial playgoers) are matter-of-fact people. At the same time, to some of them ogre-land is as fascinating as fairy-land." In a speech delivered on the fall of the curtain Mr. Murray Carson, on the other hand, declared his confidence in the sympathetic reception awaiting the piece from the London public, to whose judgment he hopes to submit it early in the coming autumn.

The general public has shown itself no more appreciative of "An American Beauty" at the Shaftesbury than the critics, and Messrs. Morton and Kerker's piece consequently was withdrawn last Wednesday evening. In a few days, either on Monday, July 2, or the following Wednesday, it will be replaced by a musical play entitled "The Cassino Girl," which is reported to have enjoyed a successful career in the United States. "The Cassino Girl is the joint work of Mr. Harry B. Smith and Mr. Ludwig Englander, a writer and composer whose names are more familiar to American than to English playgoers. Egypt has been selected for the scene of the story, and in the second act an exceedingly striking effect is obtained by the presentation of a "nest of parrots," into which, on the occasion of the first performance in New York, real birds were introduced. The experiment, however, proved too risky to admit of repetition. Mr. James E. Sullivan, whose clever acting as the "polite lunatic" in "The Belle of New York" will be remembered, returns to play the role of the Khedive, and the cast also includes Miss Mabelle Gilman, a new prima donna, Miss Ella Snyder, Miss Gehrue, Miss Marie George, Mr. Albert Hall, and Miss Laura Lee.

Prematurely cut short in its career at Terry's, Mr. Fred W. Sydney's lively farce "The Brixton Burglary" was revived on Saturday night at the Strand where, to judge by the cordial reception given it, it bids fair to have a successful run. The piece is more remarkable for ingenuity than for plausibility, but the author at any rate succeeds in keeping things moving merrily. When one expedient fails he is always ready with another, and so contrives to hold the attention of the audience from start to finish. In his efforts he is cleverly seconded by a capital company (of which he himself is a prominent member), including Mr. James Welch in his original character of Septimus Pontifex, Mr. Victor Widdicombe as the muddle-headed policeman, Mr. Stuart Champion as Diggle, Miss Carrie Cronyn as Mrs. Green, and Miss Mabel Love as Petunia Perkins, Miss Annie Hughes' old part. Played with spirit, the farce on Saturday night was received with undoubted favour.

A very fine performance of "Israel in Egypt" at the Crystal Palace on Saturday afternoon brought the Handel Festival of 1900 to a successful close. It would indeed be difficult to find a work more suited to the requirements of the Festival than the one in question. Since out of thirty-nine numbers twenty-nine are merely choral, while nineteen are written in the form of double choruses, it is interesting to note how Handel, by the use of the simplest means, obtained dramatic effects in his music which, after a lapse of more than a century and a half, still rivet the attention and command respect for his extraordinary genius. Surely it would be impossible in the whole range of music to find anything more impressively grand than the series of choruses depicting the plagues by which the Egyptians were beset. Here we have tone-painting so different from that to which our modern composers have accustomed us, where mere orchestral colour and elaborate devices frequently take the place of pure musical inspiration, that one feels a renewed admiration for this "old-fasioned music," which accomplishes so much with such comparatively restricted means. Take, for instance, "He spake the word," the demi-semi-quaver accompaniment which so admirably depicts the arrival of the buzzing hordes of flies; then, again, the unusual intervals used to suggest a feeling of repugnance in "They loathed to drink of the river," and the lugubrious chords which suggest the "hopeless night" in "He sent a thick darkness," with the antiphonal ejaculations suggesting the terror of the Egyptians stricken with sudden blindness. In all these cases are effects which are to be found all through the work, and are always of such a kind that "he who runs may read." During the afternoon the chorus singing reached a very high level of excellence, although it was scarcely to be expected that the gradations of tone would be as well observed with such colossal forces as under smaller conditions in a less spacious building. For precision of attack and "time keeping" nothing could have been better. The "Hailstone" chorus was given with ruch spirit that an inevitable encore resulted, while the final number was splendidly sung. Of the soloists, Mr. Edward Lloyd was the most conspicuously successful. He declaimed "The enemy said" superbly, and had difficulty to avoid repeating it. His singing forced on one the consciousness of the irreparable loss his impending retirement will be to music generally in this country. Mr. Santley and Mr. Andrew of Black gave the famous duet, "The Lord is a man war," with immense vigour, and received an ovation. Miss Clara Butt sang the contralto music, but she seemed at times to experience considerable difficulty in the Handelian phrases, although she sang the air "Thou shall bring them in" with much charm. Miss Ella Russell and Miss Clara Samuel sang the difficult duet, "The Lord is my strength," as well as possible in such a large auditorium, and the former gave importance to the soprano music. Mr. August Manns once again was accorded a reception worthy of the splendid manner in which he has carried out the arduous duties of conductor, and nothing but the highest praise and warmest thanks of all concerned can be awarded to him. The visitors on Saturday afternoon numbered 23,728, an important gain on the 16,777 of the corresponding day in 1897.

Madame Blanche Marchesi, and Messrs. Johannes Wolff and Benno Schonberger gave the first of their recitals at St. James's Hall on Tuesday, and in spite of a plethora of concerts and other attractions elsewhere it was attended by an unusually large audience. The programme was well selected, but ill-arranged as regards order of performance. For having regard to the foolish mania for encores now prevalent, and the poor show of resistance offered by singers and players, the most attractive items should be placed early on the list. On Tuesday there was even less excuse than ever for demanding repetitions, for it only required a minimum of patience on the part of the audience to hear again the artists recalled, seeing that there were only the three performers in all. The consequence was that many of those who most vociferously applauded the earlier pieces left the hall themselves before the later ones were reached. Only a single movement, therefore, of the Kreutzer Sonata was played at the end of the concert, while the whole of Rubinstein's Sonata in A minor, a much less worthy composition, was gone through at the beginning. This work is not a particularly beautiful piece of music with the exception of the Adagio movement, and it was played by Messrs. Wolff and Schonberger without much distinction. The pianist also played one or two of Chopin's "Etudes" with some brilliancy, but without showing great appreciation of the composer's wayward spirit. The violin solos selected by Her Wolff were a "Romance" and a "Scherzo" by Franz Ries, which at any rate gave the audience sufficient satisfaction to provoke one of the tiresome recalls. Mamdame Marchesi, who was in excellent voice, sang songs in German, French and English with equal facility and with all her usual distinction of style. Wagner's sombre "Der Tannenbaum" was given with the requisite dramatic intensity, "Inmitten des Balles" by Tschaikowsky was rendered with rare beauty of expression, and Schumann's ever popular "Two Grenadiers" twith fine vigour and spirit. Madame Marchesi also introduced a new "Ballade" by Miss Frances Allitsen, which, though said to be composed expressly for her, did not strike us as particularly well suited either to her voice or style. The violin accompaniment, supposed to portray the bewitching fiddling of the Minnesinger, Heidrich of Steier, was decidedly comical.

The principal feature of Mr. Charles Baughan's concert at St. James's Hall on Tuesday was the production in its completed form of a "Song-Cycle" from Mr. Arthur Dillon's play in verse, "The Maid of Artemis." Four of the songs had already been given at a concert a year ago, but at that time the accompaniment thereto was limited to the pianoforte arrangement. Mr. Baughan has subsequently added parts for violin, harp and 'cello, and the whole has been re-written and arranged as a very up-to-date "song-cycle." Indeed, it might be said to be antedated, for it is "music of the future" in excelsis! Possibly by the time the twenty-first century shall have dawned—it is almost too much to hope for such a consummation in the twentieth—our musical education may have arrived at the pitch of being able to appreciate the heroic efforts of Mr. Baughan to avoid anything which shall have the least resemblance to accepted musical form and "melody." The artists who took part in the production, Miss Esther Palliser, Miss Ada Crossley, and the Cymric Ladies' Chorus, did everything possible for the vocal portions of the work, and Mr. Leonard Chalk, at the piano, Miss Timothy with the harp, and Messrs. Ortmans and Mirko Bellinski, with violin and 'cello respectively, would have made the intermezzo and accompaniments intelligible and pleasing had it not unfortunately been beyond their powers to secure so happy a result. Mr. Joseph O'Mara found a more propitious field for his labours in Mr. Baughan's new setting of "Maid of Athens," which, if somewhat of the "impressionist" school of musical composition, has many commendable features; and Mr. Arthur Wallean, who appeared to be suffering from a severe cold, created a new war song, "Britannia's Call," the words by the composer's father, Mr. W. F. Baughan, C. B., the sentiments of which are laudable even if the metre be somewhat halting. Herr George Liebling played as a pianoforte solo Mr. Baughan's "Danse Styrienne," and deserves the highest praise for an interpretation which demonstrated that accepted rhythm and musical treatment are not unknown to that composer. This item was like an oasis in the desert, and many of the audience were devoutly thankful for it.

NURSES WANTED FOR THE G. T. HOSPITAL.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL HENDERSON, F. R. C. S., Surgeon to the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital, writes to us :—"Sir,—I have the honour to bring to your notice the great necessity of establishing a good system of nursing for the efficient working of this institution and the welfare of the patients. At the present time the nursing is carried out by a couple of unqualified and poorly paid native nurses assisted by ward servants, a system which has been found to work very unsatisfactorily leaving much to be desired. In order to obtain better results I am desirous of entertaining fully trained and qualified European or Eurasian nurses. But this can only be done by assistance from the various banking firms, shipping and mercantile companies in Bombay who seek gratuitous aid for their native employees at this institution and in return for which some compensation I think should be made. A monthly grant of Rs. 3,000 is paid by the Municipality for the upkeep of the hospital which barely suffices to pay for all its requirements leaving little or no balance. Your aid is therefore earnestly solicited and any fixed monthly or annual donation you may be pleased to give will be most thankfully received. I would beg to point out that this is the only institution out of a great many in Bombay which is not furnished with a good staff of trained nurses. It is intended to entertain three nurses on a salary of Rs. 60 per mensem each and provision of free quarters in the precincts of the Hospital. An outlay of Rs. 400 would be required to prepare the quarters for the nurses. This amount would therefore be necessary in addition to the monthly sum for the payment of the nurses, but once prepared and put in order further expense under this heading would be very small.

In the absence of Mr. Klobukowski, Consul-General for France in Calcutta, who is at present travelling in Kashmir, Mr. Georges Fuchs, Vice-Consul, held a reception at the Consulate-General, last Saturday, in honour of the Fete Nationale of the French Republic, at which a number of French gentlemen were present. After a short speech by the Vice-Consul the health of the President of the Republic was drunk. Mr. Fuchs, in his speech, referred to the cordial relations maintained between the Consulate-General and the British authorities, and made particular mention of the unvarying courtesy of Sir W. J. Cuningham, Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department.

HIGH COURT.—APPELLATE SIDE.

(Before the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE FULTON and the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE CROWE.)

DRIVEN TO CRIME BY FAMINE.

IMPERATRIX VS. HANMAN BASAPPA AND SEVEN OTHERS.

THE eight accused appealed from a decision of Mr. E. M. Pratt, Sessions Judge of Sholapur-Bijapur, who, in May last, convicted them of dacoity and sentenced them to rigorous imprisonment for six months each.

The complainant Ameen said that he was in his field in the village of Neginhal on the night of the 25th January last with his two servants Kerya and Hashim, when he was attacked by a gang of ten or fifteen dacoits, who pinioned his arms and robbed the gram plants which had been plucked and stacked in his field ready for threshing. He was corroborated by his two servants and also by the panch and patel, who examined his stack next morning. There was no question as to the fact of the dacoity. As soon as the dacoits left with their head-loads, the complainant got his servants to untie him, and went after the offenders. He saw them enter the Mangawada and the outer quarter of the village of Yembatnal, about a mile from his field. He went at once to the chowdi and made a report to the patel. The complainant and one Raota Walikar went to the houses of Nos. 1 and 2, brothers, who lived in the same building, but they refused them admission. They next went to the house of No. 5, and found him threshing gram. On returning with the patel to the house of Nos. 1 and 2, the latter still persisted in refusing to allow a search to be made. No. 3 did the same. In the house of No. 4, the patel found a large pile of gram plants on the roof. They also saw the gram in the house of No. 6: there were gram plants stuffed into a quilt bag. The patel also searched the house of Dawalma, a niece of No. 7, and found a pot in which gram plants had been stuffed. The complainant was able to identify all this gram, as his plants were unusually large and strong, and as they had been plucked before the gram was quite ripe. The police afterwards searched the houses of No. 1, 2, and 3, and eight seers of gram and chaff were found. Complainant was able to identify accused Nos. 1 2, and 5, as they pinioned him; and Mr. Pratt thought he was an intelligent and reliable witness. Four other witnesses deposed to having seen the dacoits. Two of them ran up from their fields on hearing the dacoity; they said they met the dacoits as they were leaving complainant's field. The accused called no evidence, but Nos. 1, 2, and 6, alleged that the gram was what they had received as Baluta. This was, Mr. Pratt said, clearly false: for gram is not given as Baluta in any quantity till after it is threshed. No. 4 said he had grown the gram in his field; but if that were so, Mr. Pratt remarked, he would have threshed it there and not brought it home. It tallied, moreover, with the complainant's gram. Four of the accused were found not guilty and acquitted, while the other four, Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 6, were convicted and sentenced as mentioned above. It was not necessary, Mr. Pratt said, to pass any but a light sentence, as the accused were impelled to this crime by famine and did not use any serious force. They had already been four months in custody.

Their Lordships, looking to the whole of the evidence, confirmed the sentences and dismissed the appeals.

(Before the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE RANADE and the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE FULTON.)

THE NASIK POLICE TORTURE CASE.

IMPERATRIX VS. SAMUEL SIMEON AND TWO OTHERS.

THIS was an appeal from a decision of Mr. J. J. Heaton, Sessions Judge of Nasik, who on the 12th April last, convicted the three accused, G. I. P. Railway Police Officers, at Nasik, of voluntarily causing hurt to two Bhils to extort confessions and sentenced No. 1 and 2 to two years' and six months' rigorous imprisonment; and No. 3 to simple imprisonment for one day. Mr. Branson, with Mr. D. A. Khare, appeared for the accused; and the Government Pleader for the Crown.

The accused, Samuel Simeon, a chief constable, Gangadhar Laxman, head constable, and Rowjee Krishna and Daji Ganpat, constables of the G. I. P. Railway Police, were charged with having, on the 7th January last, caused grievous hurt to two Bhils, one named Laxman, since deceased, and the other named Kashya Manglia, in order to extort confessions from them. The confessions, Mr. Heaton said in his finding, were required in the matter of two thefts of grain from running trains, one reported to accused No. 1 on the 2nd, and the other on the 5th January.

THE POLICE PROCEEDINGS.

On the following day, No. 2 went to Sakhora, a village near the railway line, about three miles from Nandgaon, made certain searches, and took a number of Bhils and others thence to Nandgaon to the goods shed at the railway station. Some of the Bhils were allowed to return to Sakhora, while others were detained all night in the goods shed. Next day, Sunday 7th January, the havildar went to Pokhri, another village near the railway, about three miles from Nandgaon. He made certain searches and took eleven Bhils back with him to the railway station at Nandgaon. The Sakhora Bhils were turned out of the goods shed, and the Pokhri Bhils made to sit in the shed in their place. The chief constable then came to the shed.

THE CHIEF CONSTABLE ON THE SCENE.

It was alleged by the prosecution that a number of Pokhri Bhils were beaten that day in the goods shed and also in the police office close by. The hurt, if any, done to the Bhils, Mr. Heaton went on to say, was by beating them with sticks. The beating was in the early part of the forenoon, in broad daylight; and no secrecy or privacy was sought. There were many people about. There was thus a mass of direct evidence about the beating. On the afternoon of the 7th, the Sakhora Bhils were allowed to return to the village; but the Pokari Bhils were kept all night in the goods shed. Next day, three of the Bhils were taken to Pokhri and produced certain stolen property. That day nine of the Pokhri Bhils were formally arrested. On the 9th January, an order was made by Gopal Abaji Sathe, third class magistrate Nandgaon, remanding the nine Bhils to police custody until the 12th. On the 11th January, Laxman, one of the Bhils in custody died in the room of Rojee No. 3, in the police lines at the Nandgaon railway station. The police said he had been removed to that room, as he was ill. On the 14th January, the remaining eight accused Bhils were taken by train from Nandgaon to Manmad en route to Malegaon. On the way one of the Bhils was found to be ill, and was left at Manmad. The remaining seven were placed before Mr. Simcox, the subdivisional Magistrate at Malgao convicted by him in a summary way, and sentenced to whipping in one case, and in the others to two months' rigorous imprisonment each. In the ordinary course of business, these Bhils should have been tried before the second class magistrate at Nandgaon Bhika, the Bhil, who was left ill at Manmad, died on the 18th. Not long after Laxman died, his body was seen by Shaik Ismail, the railway apothecary from Manmad, who swore that he saw bruises on the back of Laxman's corpse. On the morning of the 12th, No. 1 informed the railway police inspector, Mr. Rennison, of Laxman's death, when the manlatdar communicated to Mr. Rennison his suspicions that all was not right. Mr. Rennison made an enquiry into the matter until ordered to do so by the superintendent. The father of the deceased Laxman presented a petition to the District Magistrate that his son died from the effects of beating. The result of the subsequent enquiries was the appointment of Mr. Brewis to enquire into the case, and the result was the present prosecution. Remarking on the conduct of Mr. Sathe, third class magistrate, and Mr. Deshmukh, second class magistrate, Nandgaon, Mr. Heaton said :—

UNFIT FOR MAGISTERIAL POWERS.

"I must record my opinion that Mr. Deshmukh and Mr. Sathe, after being proved out of their own mouths to have assisted, Mr. Sathe actively and Mr. Deshmukh passively, in hushing up the matter are unfit to exercise any magisterial powers whatever. It is at all times difficult to prove such culpable conduct on the part of magistrates, and when it is proved they should, in my judgment, be promptly deprived of all magisterial powers. It is not right that persons in whom neither their superiors nor the public can have conf

of causing hurt to two Bhils under Section 330 for the purpose of extorting confession, and sentenced the first two to two years and six months rigorous imprisonment, respectively, and the third accused to one day's simple imprisonment. The first accused was a chief constable, the second accused a Havaldar, and the third a police constable. These three police officers and a forth constable, who has been acquitted, are alleged to have beaten two Bhils, Laxuman and Kashya on the 7th of January, 1900, at Nadgaon. The case for the prosecution was that one of these Bhils, Laxuman, died from the effects of the beating on the 11th of January, while he was in police custody. The charges at first framed by the committing magistrate were under Section 331, Indian Penal Code, but the Sessions Judge acquitted the accused of this graver charge and convicted them under Section 330. The assessors were of opinion that no case was made out against accused No. 3, and that the case made out against accused Nos. 1 and 2 was full of serious discrepancies, while the medical evidence showed that Laxuman was not beaten by the police. The Sessions Judge has recorded a lengthy and exhaustive judgment, which shows that he has weighed all the probabilities of the case, both for and against the prisoners, and has given the benefit of doubt to the accused wherever he was not thoroughly satisfied with the truth of the evidence. The apparent inconsistencies and discrepancies in the oral evidence of the prosecution witnesses were carefully noted and discussed, and every effort was made to separate the exaggerations from the *sub-stratum* of the facts proved. In all, nine witnesses were examined, as regards the allegation about the beating of the two Bhils, Laxuman and Kashya. The Judge disbelieved one of the witnesses, Gulam Husein, altogether, but as regards the other witnesses the Judge was satisfied on the whole with the general truth of the story told by them after making all allowance for the fact that the Bhil witnesses of Pokhri and Sakora had reason to feel a grudge against the police officers, who were engaged in the enquiries about grain thefts on the railway line. There can be no doubt on the evidence that the two Bhils, Laxuman and Kashya, together with nine others, were brought to Nandgaon on the 7th of January, and were there kept in a goods-shed in police custody. It is also not disputed that while in such custody, Laxuman died on the 11th of January. Defendant's own witness No. 1, Westerman, admitted that he saw Laxuman running away and that he stumbled. He thus corroborates the story told by the prosecution witnesses, who stated that between the first and the second beating Laxuman did try to go to the Mamlatdar to make a complaint and that he was seized by some of the accused and brought back and subjected to further beating which so disabled him that when he was again brought to the goods-shed he was too weak to walk and was speechless. Witness No 10, Rahim, who the Judge remarks was a most credinable witness and who is not a Bhil, is a railway employe. He says he saw Laxuman was unable to get up next morning, on the 8th of January, and that he died two days after, on the 11th January. It is admitted for the defence that Laxuman was so ill on the 10th that he had to be removed from the goods-shed and kept in the room of the accused No. 3, where he died on the 11th. The police report to the magistrate mentions the fact of the illness on the 10th. The Bhil Kashya, Ex. 11, in his statement before the third class magistrate, stated that Laxuman was ill on the 9th. There is thus satisfactory evidence that Laxuman was alright when he came to Nandgaon on the 7th, and that either owing to the fall, as alleged by the defence from the beating, as stated by the prosecution, he fell ill on the 7th in the evening and remain, ed sick on the 8th, 9th and 10th, and died on the 11th. The only question, therefore, that remains, is whether the fever, from which he suffered was the result of the beating or was due to the fall? It is in this connection that the evidence of the conduct of the accused during Laxuman's sickness and after his death becomes most material. It is admitted that no report of Laxuman's illness was made till the 10th. This report of the 10th itself seems not to have reached the magistrate's hands till after Laxuman's death on the 11th. No report of Laxuman's death also appears to have been made in due course. Above all, however, the extreme anxiety shown by the accused Nos. 1 and 2, to obtain a certificate from the Manmar Apothecary, Sheik Ismael, is most suspicious. The doctor was sent for not by the accused himself, but he got witness Westerman to send a telegram in his own name on the 11th as if for his own business, and when Ismael came there, he was shown the body of Laxuman and asked to certify about the cause of his death. Ismael put off giving the certificate at the time. He did not wait till the "Punchnama" was over. Accused No. 2 then went after him to Manmar to obtain the certificate, but Ismael promised to give one next day. As a matter of fact, Ismael wrote a certificate on the 12th, but he kept it with himself for several days and only gave it to Mr. Henderson after the inquiries commenced. He also gave a note said to have been prepared by him on the 11th to Mr. Brewin after Mr. Brewin was placed in charge of the enquiry. These two papers distinctly state that Laxuman had one bleeding bruise on the left side of the back and two distinct marks of beating on his right shoulder. In the note the mention is made of the cause of the bruises or marks, but in the certificate a statement is made that the marks may be due to a fall, or to some blunt instrument. The circumstances under which the note and the certificate were kept with himself by Ismael are not very satisfactorily explained. The note was without date and might be made any time, but the certificate was press-copied in his office book, and the Judge satisfied himself that this press-copy must have been written on the 12th. The mention of the bruises in both the papers is the most important point to be noted in this connection, because the fall did not explain the bruises on the back. The death may have been due to fever as stated in these certificates, but fever might result from the beating; therefore the mere allegation that Laxuman died from fever does not help the accused. They had to explain how the bruises came there. Sheik Ismail was not able to help the accused in this difficulty, and the evidence he gave was most damaging to the accused. With a view to cure the defect caused by the want of the certificate the *panchnama* prepared at the inquest was relied upon. That "Punchnama," Ex. 38, expressedly mention that there were no marks on the body, and great stress was laid on the fact that Laxuman died from fever. If the "Punchnama" had been prepared after a full examination of the state of the body it would have been entitled to credit, as it was signed by a number of persons, the village authorities, the Station Master, and Westerman. Westerman's evidence however, must be discounted, by reason of the fact that he admitted that his examination of the corpse was of a very perfunctory character. The back was not shown to or seen by him. The third class magistrate, who held the inquest, was equally negligent. He examined nobody except Kashya as regards the nature and duration of the sickness and the magistrate admitted that he left the enquiry in the hands of the Karkun, named Amritrao, whom he suspected to be in vogue with the accused No. 1. Though his suspicions were thus excited from the first he took no care to hold proper inquest, but accepted the whole thing on trust. The Mamlatdar of Nandgaon was not satisfied with the inquest and wanted to have hold another, but gave up the idea later on. Under these circumstances it is clear that the absence of all mention of bruises in the "Punchnama" and inquest inquiry does not in any way detract from the value of Sheik Ismael's evidence and his certificate. Finally, the corpse was sent to the Assistant Surgeon at Malegaon, who held the "post-mortem" on the afternoon of the 13th January, more than 48 hours after death. He discovered no marks of violence on the body and ascribed the death to fever. This evidence also carries no weight, because admittedly decomposition had set in. After 48 hours outside marks of bruises may not be detected on a decomposed body. The Surgeon also appears to have taken the whole thing on trust In his case he trusted the "Punchnama' which, for the reasons stated above, was of a very unsatisfactory character. It is thus clear that neither the "Punchnama" nor the inquest, nor the "post mortem" examination by the Assistant Surgeon were of a character to furnish any ground for disbelieving Sheik Ismael's evidence, especially as Sheik Ismael admittedly saw the corpse a few hours after the death of Laxuman. The bruises seen by him can only be explained on the basis of the oral evidence of beating given by the prosecution. If the deceased Laxuman became ill on the 7th and remained in that condition till his death, he could not have got these bruises from his fall, as alleged by the defence. There were, therefore, very satisfactory grounds for the final conclusions of the Sessions Judge. Obviously the police officers could not have intended to do any permanent or fatal injury to the Bhil Laxuman, They had done good work in the detection of the grain thefts. Deceased Laxuman had complained and wanted to complain against them, and this circumstance alone accounts for his being treated more harshly than the other Bhils, some of whom, it may be noted, admitted their guilt, and were convicted later on. The Judge has taken very lenient view of the conduct of the accused and has convicted them of the minor charge only. We see, therefore, no reason to differ from the Sessions Judge's appreciation of the evidence in the case. -We accordingly dismiss the appeal and confirm the sentences passed.

Their lordships, on a consideration of all the evidence and the arguments of counsel, dismissed the appeal and confirmed the sentences passed upon the accused.

THE LATE DR. GERSON DA CUNHA.

A MEETING of the Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society was held, last evening, to put on record the loss incurred by the Society in the death of their joint honorary secretary and vice-president the late Dr. J. Gerson da Cunha, Mr. James MacDonald presided.

The chairman said that in speaking very shortly to the proposition, which he was going to move, he wished to make mention of the many activities, which filled the life of their lamented vice-president. The deceased gentleman joined the Society as a member in 1873, the year in which the speaker himself became one of its members. Sixteen years after, that is in 1889, he was appointed a joint-secretary of the Society especially in connection with numismatics, and also one of their vice-presidents in 1892. His contributions to the Society, as they all knew, had been valuable and numerous and might be found in the Society's journal. They testified very amply to the ability, diligent research and the versatility of Dr. da Cunha. They embraced many subjects, including history, archæology, languages, and very especially numismatics. In the last of these subjects he was perhaps in all India "facile princeps." He was informed that his own collection, which had fifteen thousand varieties, was unique in India if not in almost any part of the world. A sad incident in connection with his contributions to the Society was the fact that almost within a few days of his death he corrected proof-sheets of a work, which he was preparing for some time on the origin of Bombay, a work, which, they might be sure, would prove exceedingly interesting to them. His modest demeanour and his amiability every member of the Society, who came in contact with him throughout these years could testify to. He was in short, a man of deep culture, and ever interested in the highest welfare of the Society. The chairman in concluding moved the following resolution: "That the Society places on record its sense of the loss it has sustained by the death of its joint honorary secretary and vice-president, Dr. J. Gerson da Cunha, and its testimony to the interest he took in its affairs, and to his services in connection with Indian numismatics. That a letter enclosing a copy of the above resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Cunha and her family with an expression of sympathy with them."

Mr. K. R. Cama seconded the resolution, which was carried.

CRICKET AT POONA.

THE following are the scores in the match Poona Gymkhana vs. Southern Maratha Country:—

S. M. COUNTRY.

	1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Mr Vernon Harcourt, c and b Pocock	22	b Douglas	8	
Mr Copleston, c Anderson, b Douglas	10	b Douglas	4	
Mr Wallinger, at Stanpton, b Pocock	3	b Douglas	0	
Capt Wood, c Duncan, b Marsden	50	c and b Gibbs	25	
Mr Wheeler, c Douglas, b Anderson	0	b Douglas	6	
Mr Keyes, c Walker, b Anderson	5	b Gibbs	17	
Mr Headlam, c and b Anderson	34	c Anderson, b Douglas	4	
Capt Tawney, b Anderson	30	b Douglas	0	
Mr Boyd, not out	20	not out	5	
Mr Turner, c Hoskyns, b Anderson	0	c Stanton, b Douglas	1	
		Mr McClean, run out	2	
	Extras	2	Extras	9
	Total	176	Total	81

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	R.	M.	W.		O.	R.	M.	W.
Douglas	18	57	5	1	Douglas	14	36	3	7
Pocock	18	58	3	2	Pocock	9	17	3	0
Gibbs	4	19	0	0	Gibbs	6	19	1	2
Anderson	11-2	29	2	5					
Marsden	9	31	1	1					

POONA GYMKHANA.

	1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Mr Pocock, b Harcourt	3	b Wood	10	
Capt Douglas, c Harcourt, b Wood	36	b Wood	25	
Mr Duncan, b Harcourt	3	run out	11	
Major Stanton, b Harcourt	5	b Wheeler	2	
Capt Anderson, b Wheeler	13	c Wood, b Copleston	0	
Mr Gibbs, c Harcourt b Wood	44	c Copleston, b Wood	29	
Capt Marsden, run out	5	not out	2	
Capt Murray, not out	7	c Boyd, b Wood	21	
Mr Hoskyns, b Wood	7	to bat		
Mr Duxbury, b Wood	5	not out	1	
Capt Walker, b Wheeler	1	to bat		
	Extras	13	Extra	5
	Total	142	Total	116

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	R.	M.	W.		O.	R.	M.	W.
Wheeler	15-1	47	3	2	Wheeler	8	34	1	4
Copleston	6	32	1	0	Copleston	6	28	4	1
Wood	5	19	1	4	Wood	12-4	48	3	1
Harcourt	10	32	2	3					

TRIAL OF A RANGOON JAILOR.

THE trial of Mr. Harrison, Jailor, Rangoon Jail, on charges of breach of trust, commenced on Tuesday. One witness, Aung Myat, who is suffering imprisonment for seven years for dacoity, after being examined by counsel for the defence, and cross-examined by the Government Advocate, said he wished to make a statement to the Court before he left the box. He told the Judge that the Superintendent of the Jail knowing that he was to be called as a witness had threatened him with flogging of twenty stripes and to keep him in solitary confinement for one month and his companion also. Witness saw the Superintendent laugh, and he and his companion laughed too, and for this he was to be flogged, but nothing was done to his companion. Of the seven years to which witness had been sentenced, he had completed one year, and if his Honour would look at the punishment book he would not find his name there. There was no one beside his Honour who could prevent this flogging.

The Judge said that he thought witness said that he had been flogged.

The witness replied that the flogging was to have taken place yesterday, but knowing that witness had to attend the Court that day he was to be whipped the day following.

The Judge said:—I am afraid you will have to look forward to your flogging.

THE NEW POLICE SCHEME AT KOLAR.

SIR JOHN LAMBERT, who was at Bowringpet, investigating the causes of gold thefts and the best way of preventing and detecting them, will soon leave for England to formulate his proposals to the Directors of the various mines in the Kolar Gold Fields. As to the precautions that should be taken by the companies in regard to their own employes his recommendations to the local Government are that a detective force should be organised, the regular police augmented, a European Superintendent of Police from the British service appointed, and a European Deputy Commissioner be posted to Kolar, who should spend a good portion of his time on the Gold Fields.

The cause of the fall in the tonnage of milling of the Coromandel mine last month is due to a sudden rush of water in the principal shaft, and it is feared that if this is not combated successfully the number of working mill heads will have to be reduced to one-half.

THE COORG BOATING CASUALTY.

CONCERNING the boating fatality in Coorg, the Madras paper says:—Three young coffee planters named Carey Elwes, Garbett and Trelawny have lost their lives whilst crossing a ferry or ford, apparently during floods, in North Coorg. The information that we are at present able to gather leads us to suppose that the three drowned men are Mr. T. W. Carey Elwes, of Coovercolly Estate, Mr. H. W. Trelawny, of Allicutty Estate, and Mr. B. M. Garbett, of Hallery Estate, all three Estates being the property of Messrs. Mangles Bros. and situated in the neighbourhood of Somwarpett and Mercara. We believe we are right in stating that Mr. Carey Elwes' family is not directly related to that of the Archdeacon of Madras.

INDIAN JOINT STOCK COMPANIES.

THE returns of the Joint Stock Companies for 1899-1900, published as a supplement to the "Calcutta Gazette," shows that at the close of 1898-1899 there were 487 companies working, representing a capital of Rs. 20,03,52,851 nominal, and Rs. 14,98,43,508 paid up. During the year under review 15 companies were added with Rs. 83,29,200 nominal, and Rs. 39,99,891 paid up capital, while 102 companies, with a capital of Rs. 1,93,53,407 nominal, and Rs. 1,63,34,274 paid up, ceased working. At the close of 1899-1900 the nominal capital of 402 companies working was Rs. 18,99,83,634, of which Rs. 15,03,32,742 had been paid up.

THE FAMINE.

BOMBAY SEASON REPORTS.

THE following season reports for the week ending 17th July were published in yesterday's "Government Gazette".

Karachi.—River at Kotri on 16th, 16 feet 4 4-5 inches against 17 feet 2 inches on same date last year. Rain during week 5 cents in Kohistan. Kharif sowings progressing. Condition of cattle good in eight talukas. Prices of food-grains at Karachi steady.

Shikarpur.—River 12 feet 9 inches against 12 feet 4 inches on same date last year. Slight rain during week in Ubauro and Ghotgi talukas. Kharif operations continue. Fodder supply scanty in Mirpur taluka. Prices of foodgrains steady.

Hyderabad.—Slight rain during week in Sakrand taluka. Kharif cultivation continues. Transplantation completed. Water supply deficient in Daro Mobbat and Badin talukas. Cattle in fair condition in four talukas. Price of rice varying from 8 to 11 1-2 of wheat from 9 to 12, of jowari from 9 to 12, and of bajri from 9 to 11 1-14 seers per rupee. Price of karbi varying from 3 annas to 1 rupee per maund.

"Upper Sind Frontier."—Rain on 14th 10 cents at Kashmor and 12 cents at Shahadpur. Kharif operations progressing. Deficiency of water contiues. Fodder scarce in Kashmor taluka and insufficient in Thul taluka. Price of jowari 10 seers 15 chataks, of bajri 10 seers 3 chataks, of wheat 10 seers 11 chataks, and of rice 7 seers 14 chataks per rupee. Price of karbi 12 annas 6 pies per maund.

Thar and Parkar.—No rain during week except a few showers at Mirpur on 14th. Deficiency of water in parts of Khipra and Umarkot talukas. Cotton and til crops slightly damaged by high winds in Sanghar taluka. Prices of bajri and rice 16 and 18-1-2 at Dipla, 16 and 17 1-2 at Chachra, and 14 1-2 and 14 lbs. at Nagar per rupee. Prices stationary elsewhere.

Ahmedabad—(For week ending 14th July 1900).—Rain during week maximum 1 inch 31 cents at Gogha, minimum 4 cents at Sanand; for season maximum 3 inches 72 cents at Parantij, minimum 50 cents at Dhandhuka. Rainfall insufficient throughout the district. Tilling of ground commenced in Daskroi, Gogha, and Parantij talukas. Rain badly wanted in all talukas. Fodder supply not quite sufficient. Plough cattle in poor condition. Prices of food-grains stationary.

Panch Mahals.—Rain during week maximum 2 inches 83 cents at Dohad, minimum 18 cents at Kalol; for season maximum 3 inches 48 cents at Dohad, minimum 55 cents at Kalol. Ploughing and sowing commenced. Fodder very scarce. Agricultural stock in poor condition. Average price of bajri 6 3-4 and of maize 8 1-3 seers per rupee.

Kaira.—(For week ending 16th July 1900).—Rain during week 10 cents at Kaira, in the district maximum 57 cents at Nadiad, minimum 31 cents at Matar. Rainfall insufficient throughout the district. Sowing operations commenced in Nadiad, Borsad, Kapadvanj, A'nand and Mehmadabad talukas. Fodder supply scanty. Agricultural stock in bad condition. Average price of wheat 7 1-10, of rice 8 1-4, of bajri 7, and of bavto 8 5-6 seers per rupee.

Broach.—Rain during week 1 inch 49 cents at Broach, in the district maximum 4 inches 78 cents at Vagra, minimum 44 cents at Jambusar. Rainfall insufficient throughout the district. Ploughing and sowing operations commenced. Fodder supply insufficient.

Surat.—Rain during week. 4 inches 6 cents at Surat, 9 inches 31 cents at Pardi, 1 inch 6 cents at Olpad, 4 inches 6 cents at Chorasi, 2 inches 95 cents at Bardoli, 3 inches 38 cents at Jalalpor, 6 inches 70 cents at Chikhli, 8 inches 26 cents at Bulsar, and 7 inches 33 cents at Mandvi; for season 4 inches 16 cents at Surat, maximum in the district 23 inches 26 cents at Bulsar, minimum 1 inch 6 cents at Olpad. Rainfall insufficient in Olpad taluka. Sowing operations commenced in Chorasi, Bardoli Jalalpor, and Mandvi talukas and in parts of Olpad taluka, and in progress in Chikhli, Pardi, and Bulsar talukas. Rice and nagli seedlings in good condition in Pardi taluka. Condition of cattle and fodder supply fair.

Colaba (Bombay).—Rain daily, heavy on 13th: total of week 7-91 inches; total to date 31 19 inches, being 4 36 inches below average. Abnormal temperature 2° warm on 11th, 12th, 14th and 15th, 3° warm on 16th and 17th, and 1° cool on 13th. Vapour in air excessive throughout the week. Wind normal on 11th; abnormal wind veered gradually from due west on 12th to north-east on 17th.

Thana.—Rain during week 11 inches 32 cents at Thana, in the district maximum 13 inches 96 cents at Shahapur, minimum 3 inches 59 cents at Mahim; for season 23 inches 42 cents at Thana, maximum 35 inches 50 cents at Shahapur, minimum 12 inches 11 cents at Mahim. Rainfall sufficient throughout the district. Sowing operations completed and transplantation commenced. Condition of rice plants fair. Condition of fodder supply and agricultural stock good. Price of rice 2nd sort in seers per pupee 6 3-4 at Mokhada, 7 1 2 at Mahim, 7 3-4 at Vada, 8 at Dahanu 9 1-4 at Thana and Shahapur, 9 1-2 at Murbad and Bhiwndi, 9 3-4 at Kalyan, 10 at Umbargaon, and 10 1-4 at Bassein.

Kolaba.—Rain during week throughout the district 6 inches 97 cents at Alibag, in the district maximum 23 inches 18 cents at Karjat, minimum 9 inches 14 cents, at Uran; for season at Alibag 28 inches 53 cent in the district maximum 41 inches 49 cents at Karjat, minimum 23 inches 65 cents at Panvel. Transpantation in progress. Forder supply sufficient. Agricultural stock healthy. Prices of food-grains stationary.

Ratnagiri.—Rain during week maximum 16 inches 38 cents at Chiplun, minimum 1 inch 45 cents at Devgad. Transplantation in progress. Standing crops in good condition. Fodder supply sufficient but not offered for sale. Prices of food-grains steady. Price of rice at Ratnagiri 9 seers 78 tolas, and in the district varying from 8 seers 53 tolas at Sangameshvar to 9 seers 72 tolas at Devgad. Price of nagli at Ratnagiri 9 seers 79 tolas, and in the district varying from 9 seers 45 tolas at Dapoli to 12 seers 2 tolas at Rajapur.

Khandesh.—Rain during week throughout the district, maximum 8 inches 13 cents at Erandol, minimum 96 cents at Sindkheda; for season 2 inches 2 cents at Dhulia, average in the district 6 inches 88 cents. Sowing of Karif crops in progress. Fodder supply insufficient. Condition of agricultural stock unsatisfactory owing to scarcity of fodder.

Nasik.—Considerable rain during week in all talukas of the district except in Kalvan and Baglan talukas, where the fall was insufficient. More rain urgently wanted in Malegaon, Baglan and Kalvan talukas. Rain during week 4 inches 35 cents and for season 8 inches 11 cents at Nasik. Sowing of nagli, udid rice, makai and mug continues in Nasik, Dindori, Chandor, Peint, Igatpuri, Sinnar, Yeola, Malegaon, and Nandgaon talukas. Sowing operations commenced in Baglan taluka. Lands being prepared for sowing in Kalvan taluka. In Niphad taluka sowing of bajri and other kharif crops completed in some villages and commenced in others. In the hills condition of cattle and fodder supply is fair, while cattle are suffering for want of fodder elsewhere. Cattle dying in numbers for want of fodder in Dindori, Malegaon, Baglan, Kalvan, Niphad, and Sinnar talukas. Prices of food-grains generally steady. Price of rice at Nasik, 7 seers 40 tolas, of wheat 7 seers 56 tolas, of bajri 7 seers 61 tolas, and of nagli 8 seers 50 tolas per rupee. Price of dry grass at Nasik Re. 1-6-0 per 100 sheaves.

Ahmednagar.—Rain during week throughout the district, maximum 2 inches 46 cents at Kopargaon, minimum 49 cents at Karjat; for season maximum 10 inches 50 cents at Shevgaon, minimum 3 inches 58 cents at Sangamner. Condition of cattle and fodder supply improving. Prices of jowari and bajri at Nagar stationary. Price of karbi 27 seers per rupee.

Poona.—Rain during week 5 inches 55 cents at Poona, 5 inches 56 cents at Junnar, 76 cents at Indapur, 3 inches 82 cents at Khed, 1 inch 28 cents at Sirur, 3 inches 99 cents at Purandhar, 1 inch 8 cents at Bhimthadi, 7 inches 33 cents at Maval 4 inches 52 cents at Ambegaon, 14 inches 87 cents at Mulshi, and 1 inch 3 cents at Dhond; for season 9 inches 33 cents at Poona, maximum 25 inches 89 cents at Mulshi, minimum 4 inches 12 cents at Dhond. Sowing of kharif crops commenced in the western talukas of the district and in some parts of the eastern talukas, where there was sufficient rain during the week. Cattle in bad condition in all parts of the district. Price of jowari at Poona 17 lbs. 4 tolas, of bajri 14 lbs. 15 1-5 tolas, of karbi 23 4-7 lbs., and of hay 28 14-17 lbs. per rupee.

Sholapur.—Rain during week 1 inch 29 cents at Sholapur, 2 inches 23 cents at Bari, 75 cents at Madha, 61 cents at Karmala, 55 cents at Pandharpur, 23 cents at Sangola, 87 cents at Malsiras; for season 7 inches 65 cents at Sholapur, in the district maximum 8 inches 78 cents at Madha minimum 3 inches 33 cent at Malsiras. More rain needed in parts of Karmala taluka at once, and in the other talukas of the district after ten days or so. Sowing of kharif crops still in progress th oughout the district. Young crops in good condition. Dry fodder plentiful and cheap at Sholapur, but scarce and dear elsewhere. Condition of plough and milch cattle good; other cattle in fair condition. Price of jowari lightly risen at Barsi and Madha, and steady elsewhere. Price of wheat 7 seers 15 chataks, of rice 9 seers 12 chataks of jowari 8 seers 15 chataks, and of bajri 8 seers 15 chataks per rupee. Price of karbi Rs. 1-8-0 per 100 bundles.

Satara.—Rain during week throughout the district, varying from 94 cents at Man to 11 inches 86 cents at Javli. Sowing operations practically completed. Young crops in better condition. Grain supply sufficient. Fodder and water sufficient. Prices of food-grains stationary throughout the district. Price of jowari at Satara 19 lbs. 24 tolas and of bajri 15 lbs. 10 tolas. Price of karbi 40 lbs. per rupee.

Bijapur.—Rain during week 9 cents at Hungund 25 cents at Bagalkot, 27 cents at Badami, 43 cents at Bijapur, 44 cents at Muddebihal, 66 cents at Sindgi, 77 cents at Bagevadi, and 1 inch 1 cent at Indi. Sowing of kharif crops almost completed in places where rainfall was sufficient. Transplantation progressing. Young plants thriving in all talukas. Condition of cattle good. Average price of jowari 9 seers 10 chataks of bajri 8 seers 11 chataks, of rice 2nd sort 8 seers 5 chataks, of tur-dal 7 seers 4 chataks, and of karbi 156 lbs. per rupee.

Belgaum.—Rain during week 18 inches 30 cents at Chandgad, 6 inches 08 cents at Khanapur, 5 inches 12 cents at Belgaum, 2 inches 1 cent at Sampgaon, 1 inch 28 cents at Chikodi, and below 1 inch elsewhere; more rain badly wanted in Athni and Parasgad talukas, where sowing is retarded for want of it. Elsewhere standing crops in good condition. Average price of jowari 18 lbs. and of rice 15 lbs. per rupee. Price of fodder stationary.

Dharwar.—Sufficient rain during week in nine talukas, insufficient fall in Gadag and Ron talukas and Mundargi petha, none in Nargund petha; maximum 3 inches 79 cents at Hangal. Sowing of rice completed in seven talukas and continues elsewhere. Jowari sowing in progress. Rain wanted in Ron taluka and Nargund petha. Young sedlings of rice and jowari in good condition. Water supply deficient in two and fodder supply in four talukas. Condition of cattle good except in Nargund petha, where water and fodder supply are deficient. Prices of food-grains steady.

Kanara.—Rain during week throughout the district, maximum 21 inches 42 cents at Yellapur, minimum 4 inches 39 cents at Mundgod. Sowing almost completed. Transplantation continues in some places. Agricultural stock in fair condition. Fodder supply sufficient. Price of rice at Karwar 16 lbs. and of ragi 24 lbs. per rupee. Price of dry grass 12 annas per maund.

Rajkot.—Rain during week 1 inch 31 cents at Rajkot. Sky cloudy. High winds blowing. Fodder scarce and prices rising. Cattle maintained on fodder crops and imported grass. Prices of food-grains rising. Average price of wheat 7 seers 30 tolss, of bajri 7 seers 22 tolas, of jowari 8 seers 60 tolas, and of gram 8 seers 10 tolas per rupee.

Wadhwan.—Weather cloudy and windy. Twelve cents of rain during week. Price of bajri 7 and of jowari 5 seers per rupee.

Baroda.—Rain during week 1 inch 3 cents at Baroda. Lands ready for cultivation. Sowing operations commenced in parts of Baroda and Navsari divisions. Condition of agricultural stock unsatisfactory. Price of bajri 14, of jowari 17, of wheat 16, of rice superior 12, and of rice inferior 18 lbs. per British rupee.

THE NATIVE PRESS.

REMISSIONS OF LAND REVENUE.

THE Government of Bombay have replied to the representation of the Presidency Association on the subject of remissions with what the "Indian Spectator" calls "praiseworthy promptitude." Our contemporary continues: So far as the Deccan districts are concerned, Lord Northcote has declared that large remissions are necessary, and have been authorized. Government are not prepared to make the same concessions in regard to the Gujarat districts, and it must be admitted that there is some ground for the distinction. The principle, that those who have the means should pay what is due from them to Government, is a sound one. But the difficulty arises when the one class has to be distinguished from the other. Government have apparently no more certain means of discrimination than the vague one of "common repute." Of course, it is open to the landholder to prove that he is not as rich as he is reputed to be. But this is by no means an easy task, and it may after all be cheaper in the long run for the average ryot to pay up the demand even by borrowing at a ruinous rate, than to get involved in proceedings before a revenue court.

The "Gujerati" states: Lord Northcote's Government deserve thanks for the promptitude with which they have replied to the memorial of the Bombay Presidency Association on the question of suspensions and remissions of revenue. One may not entirely accept the principles and policy enunciated in that reply. But the desire to take the public into confidence which is evidenced by that reply will be readily appreciated by the Association as well as the public at large.

The "Native Opinion" says: In his reply to the address of the Deccan Sabha, his Excellency Lord Northcote made a very important statement upon the present and the future policy of Government. We are glad, his Excellency has fully availed himself of the welcome opportunity presented to him by the Deccan Sabha of making some such statement, for the public were anxiously waiting for a declaration by Government of their policy in dealing with the famine-stricken people during the ensuing year. His Excellency's speech will go a great way in allaying public anxiety, and the public will note with extreme satisfaction that the Government are fully alive to their duties towards the miserable agriculturists, sorely afflicted by famine.

THE HEALTH OF BOMBAY.

Commenting upon the total mortality in Bombay for the week ending 10th inst., the "Kaiser-i-Hind" says: Again the total mortality, instead of taking a downward course, has increased over that of the preceding week. The day when the health of the city will be normal seems to be as distant as ever. It seems that ere long cholera will be in epidemic proportions in our midst. But besides cholera all sorts of diseases abound in our city; and that being so, the greatest precaution and strictest vigilance are necessary on the part of the authorities concerned.

The "Gujerati" remarks: What the cause of this outbreak may be is difficult to say and we have no desire to dogmatise. But some of the measures that are being taken to deal with the epidemic seem to us to be of a very questionable character. If plague measures have not yet taught valuable lessons, it must be said that some people will neither learn nor unlearn.

SIR M. M. BHOWNAGGREE AND THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

The "Rast Goftar" is rather hard upon the Archbishop of Canterbury for the very curt reply he recently sent to Sir Muncherjee Bhownaggree's appeal to him. The paper writes: The Archbishop of Canterbury owed it to his Order and his nation, if not to himself, to be a little more cordial in his response to the appeal, preferred to him by Sir Muncherjee Bhownaggree, on behalf of the famine sufferers in India. We are anxious not to be unjust to the Archbishop; but we cannot refrain from saying that even when viewed in the best of lights and subjected to the most charitable interpretation, his conduct in this affair will not fail to evoke both dismay and indignation among the people of this country. It is not a little painful to see such a high ecclesiastical functionary, like Dr. Temple, deliberately refusing to further the cause of charity, and to perform one of the highest and most sacred of duties imposed upon him as a minister of the Christian religion. The Gospel, which the Archbishop professes to believe in, and to be anxious to preach to the world, is nothing if not a Gospel of Love; and it is but staggering to find the head of the English Church, the keeper of the conscience of the mighty British nation, refusing, in the curtest language possible, to listen to the prayers and efforts in the cause of millions of suffering humanity.

GOVERNMENT AND THE PRESS.

Most of the native journals discuss with much warmth of feeling the declaration of Mr. Monteath, that Government will attach little or no weight to anonymous communications in the Press. "The Indian Spectator" writes: Within the last few days, we have heard from native gentlemen of position, whose names, if we could print them, would carry weight with Government, serious complaints about the distribution of "tagavi," advances in some districts. But the thing cannot be proved in a Court of Law, and all that a law-abiding journalist can do is to indicate the fact of the existence of such complaints. A newspaper is not an affidavit, and if Government will not take notice of information which is not sworn to by somebody, the evil must continue unchecked.

The "Rast Goftar" observes: The resolution which, according to Mr. Monteath, the Bombay Government has arrived at, not to take action on "anonymous letters to newspapers" appears to be an extremely injudicious step, and one, which in spite of their avowed determination to the contrary, they will not be able to follow—unless they are prepared to ignore their responsibility towards the people, and create serious dissatisfaction throughout the country. This refusal to investigate into complaints made through the channels of the public press, on the ground of anonymity, seems really, to be too absolute; and it is not to be doubted that the authorities will soon enough see how arbitrary their decision in this matter is.

The "Kaiser-i-Hind" writes: We should have thought that at a time like this when there are so many temptations and so many opportunities for the lower subordinate officers to act contrary to orders, Government would have at once inquired into the definite allegations made by a responsible correspondent in a responsible newspaper. The best interests of Government require that these allegations should be carefully, inquired into. It is not states manship to brush aside all complaints and allegations that are not made through official channels. The correct attitude to adopt as regards communications in the public press is 'one of discrimination and not of unen squiring indifference or disbelief.'

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CIVIL APPOINTMENTS, &c.

Notice is given that Heads of Departments and all other officers concerned should note that Notifications in the "Gazette" are in future to be accepted as disposing of all references regarding leave transfers appointments powers and other personal questions affecting gazetted officers as to which orders are gazetted by the Governor in Council in this part of the "Gazette and "that any subsidiary orders as to relief of their subordinates and, the like which such Notifications necessitate must be issued by them on receipt of the "Gazette" as no other orders will be issued by Government.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

The Hon Sir Lawrence H Jenkins Knight Barrister at Law resumed charge of the office of Chief Justice of H M's High Court of Judicature at Bombay on the 9th July.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Brigadier Genl H E Peston to act as Political Resident Aden vice Brigadier Genl O'M Creagh V C pending further orders.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Government Notification dated the 4th Dec 1899 appointing Major W Fearn acting Supt of Panchgani in the dist of Satara to be a Magte of the second class in that dist and limiting the exercise by him of the powers within the limits of the Hill Station of Panchgani is cancelled.

Major W Fearn Supt of Panchgani in the dist of Satara is appointed under Sec 12 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898, to be a Magte of the second class in that dist.

The Governor in Council is pleased to invest Major Fearn with additional powers specified.

Mr J Sanders Slater Chief Presidency Magte and Revenue Judge Bombay is granted privilege leave for three months from the 6th Augt or from such subsequent date as he may avail himself of it.

The Governor in Council is pleased under the provisions of Sec 3 (1) of the Mamlatdars' Courts Act 1876 to specially authorise Azam Rudrappa Virappa Hatimattur Mahalkari petha Nargund in the d

FEMININE FACTS AND FANCIES.

WATERPROOF coats and capes grow smarter year by year, as well as lighter and more convenient. One of the newest is in the suppleste of rainproof silk, in a greyish tone of tan, with three deep capes, almost like flounces, all of equal depth. The upper one is the bodice portion of the garment and is put on separately. This makes it very convenient, for it can be worn without the skirt portion when so desired. Ivory silk, well waterproofed is still the smartest for Sandown or Kempton. Some of the tan sack coats have a deep collar have a deep collar of this ivory silk facing, of which the rain glides without sinking in. Sometimes there is a little black braiding round the outlines of the ivory. A velvet collar often supplements a Chesterfield waterproof in the fashionable ivory tint. Rainproofed Japanese silk is liked for its lightness. Here again the triple flounces find favour. They are put on with very little fulness, and reach only to the top of the boots. The very long, trailing waterproofs were found to be a great mistake. They caught up the mud and conveyed it to the skirts beneath.

It is now possible to have navy serge and cloth made rainproof, and cyclists especially find the benefit of so doing. A coat and skirt treated in this way should be part of every woman or girl cyclist's wardrobe; the weather has justified itself of its character for uncertainty in undeniable fashion during the last ten days.

The long military cloaks of fine scarlet cloth worn at the bazaar by some of the ladies selling have created quite a rage for a garment of the kind; but they are quite unsuited for the street, being very long, and only graceful when worn over a long trained skirt. This would be, or should be, impossible for the street, but the long martial cloak would make an effective theatre wrap. Another of the costumes at the bazaar that has caused the feminine heart to yearn for something similar was the adaptation of naval uniform worn at the naval stalls. Ladies' tailors are already producing something after this style, and using quantities of gold braid as trimming. It is very likely that travelling and river gowns will be largely embellished with gold braid during the rest of the season. Black, dark blue, and very dark plum-colour are the most suitable colours on which to apply so vivid a decoration. White serge, on the contrary, is trimmed with rows of black silk braid, black satin piping, or black ribbon velvet. It is far from improbable that white cloth and serge may be trimmed with gold and silver braid a few weeks later on in the season, when white dresses will be in better accord with climatic conditions. Mud and muslin go badly together, but improvement in the weather may shortly be expected.

A dainty way of making a spotted muslin gown is to arrange the insertion and tucks diagonally on the plain overdress, the underskirt being pleated very closely and bordered with a narrow ruche. The yoke is arranged in the usual fine tucks, and the silk muslin fichu is frilled all round, and has a narrow ruche round the edges. The bands of insertion are carried diagonally upwards on the bodice, but straight from shoulder to elbow on the sleeves, which are bordered with ruched silk muslin frillings like the rest of the dress. Model dress of buff-coloured voile is trimmed with lace insertions run through with narrow black velvet and very small buttons. The sleeves, ending at the elbows, are supplemented by undersleeves. Many of the newest sleeves end at the elbow in a deep frill, and have plain undersleeves of gathered muslin, not set into a band at the wrist, but run through with very narrow black velvet ribbon, which is finished off with small bows caught with tiny steel buckless Paris ladies are wearing short sleeves and long gloves but that is a fashion which seems to find little favour among Englishwomen, who do not wear gloves in the house, as so many Frenchwomen habitually do.

Silk jackets are now quite established in favour, most of them are closely tucked. Some are faced on collar and revers with Eastern embroidery, on a white, cream, or putty-coloured ground. Japanese embroideries on silk crepe are used in the same way, and the bright softness of the colours makes these very effective. In fact, there is a great vogue for colour just now. Nothing seems too bright, so long as it is sweet and true, as opposed to vicious and crude. The bright rose-coloured tweeds that are seen in the streets would at on time have been considered audacious and in the worst taste; but now they are accepted as not only perfectly correct, but as an echo of one of fashion's latest notes.

A turquoise cloth defining an Imaginary overskirt, is as good a gown as a blonde can wear just at the moment. It brings out the brightness of her hair, and gives lustre to the blue of her eyes. Nor could a brunette find a better costume than a reddish heliotrope in cloth or tweed, relieved with cream, or sulphur, or citron in the front of the bodice, and round the neck and wrists. These delicate finishings at throat and hand are an important part of the gown, more cohsidered than they have been for years. They are important enough, ethically, to excuse some amount of thought and care. A white satin foulard dress with black spots had transparent collar, epaulettes, and cuffs of cream-coloured Irish guipure. Another foulard in an indefinite design of geranium and pelargonium petals was trimmed with finest black Chantilly, lined with white silk muslin, an excellent way of showing up the pattern of the filmy lace, and, at the same time, of strengthening its delicate meshes. The vogue that lace has had of late years has rendered dressmakers ingenious in arranging it and in disposing it, with due attention to its perishable character.

A gateau St. Honore, a rather newer form of sweet dish than many which we know more familiarly, is also a very pretty way of combining fruit and pastry; it is made by baking a round of puff paste fully half-an-inch thick, a rim being formed of little balls of the same paste brushed over with white of egg and sugar, and after the crust is cooked the centre is filled with a whip of cooked fruit and sugar; instead of the cream being mixed with this it is piled on the top, thus forming a contrast of colour—white over green when goose-berries have been used, or over red when other fruit is employed. The fruit, by the way, should be rubbed through a sieve to keep out skins and stones. If one or two whites of eggs are whisked and added to the cream before it is whipped, it will be found an improvement. Another pretty sweet is to make a compote of stoned cherries or apricots, and to serve this inside a ring of solid custard.

Strawberries are only spoiled by cooking, however, dainty may be the mode chosen of serving them, but at almost any time in this their season, when nicely picked and accompanied by fresh cream and sugar, they will be hailed with pleasure. For an evening dinner we might, by way of variety, serve ripe fruit, strawberries especially, as a salad and the dressing of which would be sugar and wine—a little good claret or port.

Most of the soft fruits answer well the purpose of salad-making—raspberries, ripe currants, stoned cherries, apricots, and peaches, oranges and bananas, also pines—and wine should be chosen to suit the particular kind of fruit. If a little curacoa or prunelle is added as well it will do much to increase the flavour of the salad. Fruit syrups can be used where wine is objected to, but will not, of course, give the same rich effect. Sweet biscuits should be passed round with these salads.

The mention of strawberries brings to mind a famous cake which we in England know far too little about, though in New England homesteads its making is regarded as an indespensable function of the strawberry season. We read of plump arms tossing the light dough, of hands being crimsoned by hulling the quantities of ripe fruit required for the filling of piles of crisp cakes, and of wedges of the same cake being subjected to a baptism of rich cream and sugar—all of which we, too, would enjoy if they appeared to us in our shady gardens, when tea out of doors is bringing friends and neighbours together. Like many other wholesome and delicious things this cake is a comparatively simple affair to make once we know how to do it. Reducing somewhat the quantities as given to us in the American formulæ, we should say that with two pounds of ordinary flour, and a quarter of Paisley (or self-raising), half a pound of salt butter, and a little sugar, and by thoroughly rubbing these together, then making them into a soft dough with eggs and milk and rolling out into round cakes of an inch thick, we should produce four cakes of medium size. When baked, these are split open, filled with a thick layer of ripe berries and an abundance of sugar, then closed, cut in triangular pieces, and cream poured over all. Pre-eminently a cake of summer-time, there is an Arcadian flavour, as well as an Arcadian attraction, about strawberry shortcake. To those who know it not we earnestly commend a trial being made.

The servant difficulty is apparently as acute in Cornwall as elsewhere. A few days ago a Cornish domestic servant, 19 years of age, and in possession of a two years' character, advertised for a situation, and in two days received replies from 74 mistresses in want of servants.

A Bulgarian journalist, named Sangoff, recently wrote an article in a Sofia paper on the subject of the relation of the nose to character. After discussing the various shapes he came to the conclusion that persons with long noses are usually altogether a bad lot. The Public Prosecutor regarded this as a case of lese majesty because Prince Ferdinand has a long nose. Sangoff was arrested, tried, and sentenced to three days imprisonment.

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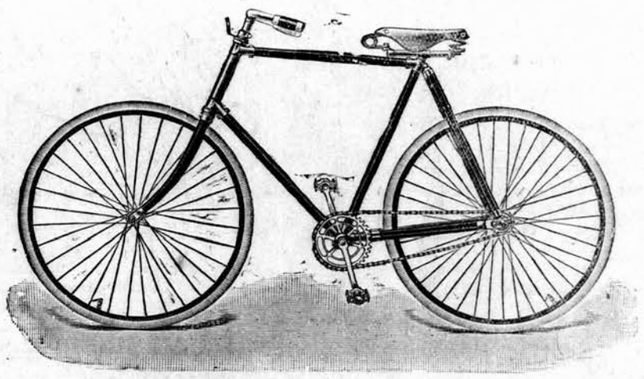

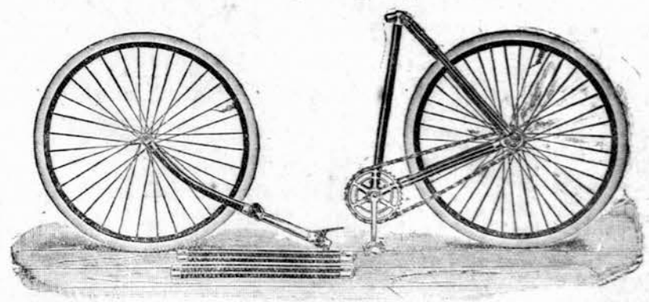

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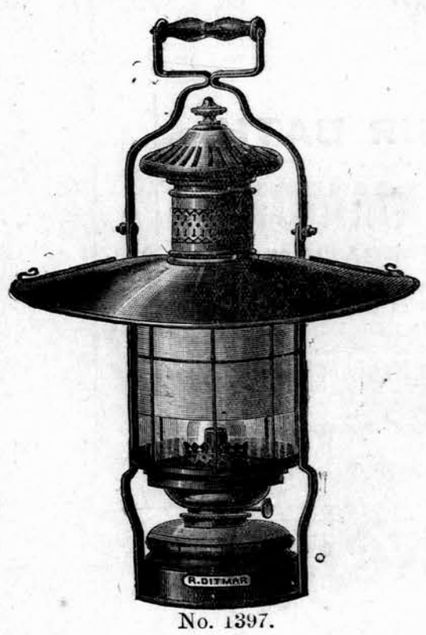

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